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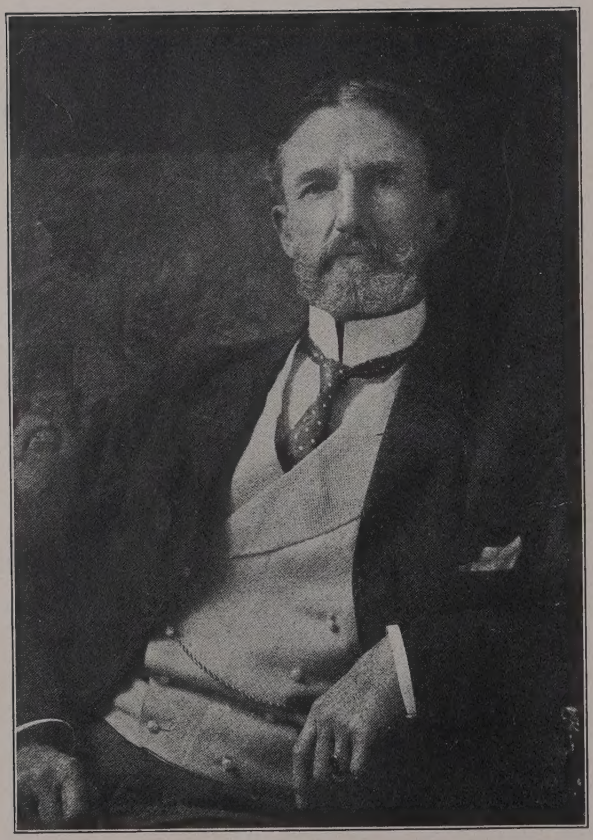


ROBERT C. SCHENCK

BIOGRAPHICAL

ROBERT CUMMING SCHENCK.

With the passing of Robert Cumming Schenck, Dayton lost one of the chief promoters of her greatness. He was of the highest type of American manhood and chivalry—a dynamic force in business circles, a man of honor and respect in every relation of life and most of all where he was best known. His record constitutes an integral chapter in the history of Dayton, a fact recognized by all who have to any extent studied the annals of the city and noted the means and measures of its progress and upbuilding.

Mr. Schenck was born in Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, October 2, 1845. As the name indicates he came of Holland ancestry—a member of one of the oldest Holland families of the new world. He made no boast of the fact and yet his ancestral history could be traced back in unbroken line from generation to generation through many centuries. The name appears in its primitive form in the Latin as Pincerna. In the fourth century Ulfilas, the Goth, made the literary world acquainted with the term pugg, pronounced pung, and applied it to a purse or leather money bag. St. Jerome, about a century afterward, mentions the barbarous word pincerna as the common appellation of the chief vintner in his day and adds that the office of cup-bearer was one of the first dignitaries in the courts of foreign princes. Under the form of Schenck the word relates more particularly to the office of cup-bearer and from this office this family name is derived. The erz-schenck was a hereditary dignity, a prefect of the household, next to the king or lord. After this office became an hereditary one in Europe many noble families bearing the name of Schenck became established. Especially in Germany and Holland these families were numerous, possessing various escutcheons.

The direct ancestry of Robert Cumming Schenck begins with that of the Schenck, Barons van Toutenburg. History relates that Colve de Witte, Baron van Toutenburg, was killed at the battle of Clodius against the Dane in 878 A. D. The records of the various successors of this ancient title and barony are imper-

fect but sufficient of them have escaped the destruction of the wars of the middle and succeeding ages to establish the fact that the same Schenck family held possession down to, and even much later than, the year 1234, when one of its cadets became the first of the family of Schenck van Nydeck. The family of Schenck van Nydeck had as its arms: Sable, a lion rampant; Or langued et arme. Gu. and Az. Crest: Out of a coronet; Or, a demi-lion rampant; Or langued et arme. Gu. and Az. Christianus, the second son of Reynier Schenck, Baron van Toutenburg, was the first of the family of Schenck van Nydeck and in the records of the thirteenth century it is found that he held the office of cup-bearer to the Count de Gulick as Christianus Pincerna de Nideke. In 1346 Henrich Schenck van Nydeck, knight, lord of Afferden, is found to have been the head of the family. As his elder son, Wienand, left no direct heir to the titles the estate passed to the younger brother Heinrich, whose eldest son was Diederick, lord of Afferden and Blynbeek, who held other offices and died in August, 1487, at Mai. He married Adelheit van Buren, heiress of Aersen and Belden, the daughter of Johan and Aleid van Arendahl. The fourth child of this marriage was Derick, lord of Afferden, Blynbeek and Walbuk, who died at Blynbeek August 3, 1525.

He married Aleid Casters of Aerzen and their son Derick succeeded as lord of Afferden and Blynbeek and married Maria van Galen. The eldest son of that marriage was Derick, lord of Afferden and Blynbeek, who married Anna van Berlaer. They were parents of five children, the second being General Peter Schenck, who was born at Gosh, Holland, in 1547. He served with great distinction in the wars of his time and rose to the rank of a general officer in the service of the Netherlands. At Doesburgh, May 15, 1580, he married Johanna van Scherpenzeel. Martin Schenck, son of General Peter Schenck, was born at Doesburgh August 7, 1584. He is thought to have come to the Nieu Netherlands with his children, three of whom came to America in 1650, arriving at New Amsterdam, probably on the ship de Valckener, which sailed from Holland in March, arriving on the 28th of June.

Roelof Schenck, son of Martin Schenck, is the American ancestor of the branch of the family from which Robert Cumming Schenck is descended. While he is generally spoken of as Roelof Schenck, his name was Roelof Martense Schenck. He was born at Amersfoort, Holland, in 1619 and probably came to America because of the misfortune which overtook his ancestors and family during the Netherland wars of the sixteenth century and the action taken by the several courts respecting the ancestral estates. He was accompanied by his Brother Jan and sister Anetje. After his arrival he lived for a time at Brenklyn. In 1660 he married Neeltje Conover, a daughter of Gerrit Wolphertse and Altie Cornelisen (Cool) van Couwenhoven and about that time settled at Flatlands, formerly Amersfoort, Long Island, where he lived until his death in 1704. The first mention of him in the early colonial records is concerning a grant of twenty-three morgans of land at Amersfoort, dated January 29, 1661. On the 21st of February, 1664, he was one of the magistrates of the "five Dutch towns" on Long Island, who joined in a request to the director general to call a meeting of delegates from these towns on account of the English outrages and for the purpose of sending a deputation to Holland. At a government council held August 18, 1673, Roelof Schenck was appointed one of the schepens for the town of

Amersfoort and on the 25th of October, of the same year, was elected a lieutenant of militia. On the 26th of March, 1674, he attended as a deputy the council held at the city hall in New Amsterdam. A valuage of Amersfoort property in September, 1676, shows that only one other had holdings exceeding his own in value. He was made justice for Kings county, New York, December 12, 1689, and captain of horse January 13, 1690. In the civil list of the province of New York for 1693 his name appeared as a justice for Kings county. When the church records of Flatlands, Long Island, were commenced the names of Roelof and his brother Jan stand first on the list of church members in that vicinity and he served as deacon or elder, perhaps in both of those offices as is indicated by the fact that his name appears on a roll of church officials who met to make arrangements about church matters.

Gerritt Roelofse Schenck, the sixth child of Roelof Schenck, was born at Flatlands, Long Island, in October, 1671, and must have obtained a fair education for his times as evinced by his subsequent life. He removed from Flatlands, probably in the spring of 1696, to a farm of two hundred acres which he purchased. His will indicates that he was a very prosperous man who owned several tracts of land and a wharf in the vicinity of what is now Keyport, New Jersey; land at New Brunswick, New Jersey; while in 1737 he and his cousin John van Couwenhoven, purchased of John Penn a tract of six thousand, five hundred acres near Princeton, New Jersey. He was among the original members of the church of Freehold, New Jersey, and on its organization in 1709 was one of the first two deacons and subsequently an elder. He was a member of the provincial assembly of New Jersey from 1721 to 1726 and he enjoyed the title of "general." He was also for a time a commissioned officer in the provincial militia. He married Neeltje Coerten van Voorhees, who was born at Flatlands, Long Island, baptized December 5, 1680. She was a daughter of Coert and Maritje (Conover) van Voorhees, the former a son of Steven and Williampie (Roelofse) van Voorhees. Gerrit Roelofse Schenck died at Pleasant Valley, Monmouth county, New Jersey, September 5, 1745.

Koert Schenck, the fourth child of Gerrit Roelofse Schenck, was born at Pleasant Valley in 1702. He settled on a large farm which was thought to be poor sandy soil and therefore worthless but upon this place marl was discovered and one hundred thousand tons were taken out, so that the poor and sandy farm was transformed into a beautiful and productive tract. When not yet thirty years of age he was chosen to serve as a deacon in the Reformed church and later became an elder. He was married at Freehold, New Jersey, to Mary Piterse van Couwenhoven, who was born in New Jersey in 1700 and died at Marlboro, New Jersey, May 17, 1787. Koert Schenck died near Marlboro, June 2, 1771.

William Schenck, who was the sixth child of Koert Schenck, was born near Marlboro, August 13, 1740, and was baptized January 20, 1741. He entered Nassau Hall of the College of New Jersey, now Princeton College, November 12, 1761, and in his old memorandum book are many curious remarks relating to his expenses during his college days. He was graduated in 1767 and his diploma was in the possession of Robert Cumming Schenck of Dayton. He afterward studied theology with the Rev. William Tennent at Freehold, New Jersey, and was licensed by the New Brunswick Presbytery in 1770. He married Anna

Cumming, March 17, 1786. She was born at Monmouth, New Jersey, May 3, 1750, and died at Franklin, Ohio, June 23, 1848—"a mother of many children and as full of virtuous honors as of years." The year succeeding his entry into the ministry in 1771, Rev. William Schenck was ordained pastor of the Presbyterian church at Allentown, New Jersey, where he preached "15 sabaths before ye year 1772." Rev. Schenck was connected with the patriot army as a chaplain at the time of the Revolutionary war. In 1777 he and his family were driven out of New Jersey by the British and went to Bucks county, Pennsylvania, where he became pastor of the church of North and Southampton called the Neshaminy church. On the 3d of March, 1777, he went to Southampton and moved to the parsonage, remaining there for three years. In April, 1780, he went to Pittsgrove, New Jersey. From Pittsgrove he removed to Balston Spa and on the 26th of August, 1788, was installed pastor of the congregation there. He was one of the ministers chosen to organize the Presbytery of Albany, New York. His ministry must have been an active one during the seven years in which he remained at Balston Spa, for there are records of his labors at Freehold, Milton, Cherry Valley, Cambridge and many points between. In June, 1793, he went to Huntington, Long Island, and Thompson's history of Long Island speaks of him as "a man of much personal dignity who maintained a character which challenged the respect of all who knew him." He remained at Huntington until 1817, when he retired from the active duties of the ministry and went to the home of his son, General William C. Schenck, at Franklin, Ohio, which town is indebted to him for its church organization. He died there September 1, 1823. His life was one of marked influence in every community in which he lived, the moral progress of the race being greatly accelerated through his efforts.

John Noble Cumming Schenck, son of the Rev. William Schenck, was born in Churchville, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, January 24, 1778. He was married in Franklin, Ohio, September 2, 1802, to Sarah Tabscott. His second wife, whom he wedded in Cincinnati, October 8, 1843, was Phebe W. Wheeler, who was born April 15, 1803, and died at the residence of her son, James F. Schenck, near Downey, Iowa, June 25, 1890. She was a daughter of Jesse Reeder and Phebe Wheeler and was the widow of William R. Schenck when she became the wife of John N. C. Schenck. The last named died in Franklin, Ohio, October 27, 1867. He had acquired his education under the supervision of his father and in the schools of Balston, New York, and Huntington, Long Island. On the advice of his brother William he came to the "western country" in 1799 or 1800, being in Cincinnati in the latter year. For a time after his arrival he was employed as agent for Martin Baum, an enterprising merchant of that place, who sent him on one or more occasions down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers on flat or keel boats to New Orleans with the usual produce of the country. Mr. Baum afterward established him in business in Franklin, where he became a prosperous merchant, his commercial pursuits together with his wise investments in Cincinnati real estate enabling him to retire in 1847, about twenty years prior to his death, with what was considered for those times a very considerable fortune. He was a man of strict business probity and his known reliability led to his being selected to transact much business for eastern parties. His children were twelve in number. James T., born in Franklin, Ohio, July 28, 1806, passed

away March 27, 1807. Ann C., who was born February 27, 1806, married Dr. Otho Evans, December 24, 1824, and died November 16, 1875, leaving four sons and two daughters. John, who was born, March 29, 1810, died July 24, 1825. William T., born January 10, 1812, married Elizabeth Thackery and on November 26, 1864, was again married, his second union being with Ruth Kelsey Tibbals. He died July 25, 1872. James T., was born January 6, 1814, and married Mary B. Barkalow. Sarah T., born February 5, 1816, was united in marriage to William A. Van Horn, September 3, 1834, and passed away February 3, 1883. John Christopher, born September 5, 1818, was married August 21, 1844, to Elizabeth Felding Barkalow, who died December 9, 1857, and on the 24th of October, 1861, he married Ione Holbrook. Mary B. was born September 3, 1820, and died March 23, 1822. Lucy H., born February 23, 1823, was twice married. On August 23, 1844, she married Joseph Burrows and her second union was with George W. Ewin, the date of this marriage being September 15, 1870. Mary B. was born September 9, 1825, and was married on the 6th of February, 1845, to Charles Butler. Catherine L., who was born December 13, 1828, passed away August 27, 1830. All were born in Franklin, Ohio.

Robert Cumming Schenck, the youngest member of the family spent his boyhood largely as a pupil in the schools of Franklin, Ohio, and in Miami University at Oxford, from which institution he was graduated. He had hardly completed his studies when he entered upon active service on a gunboat during the raid of Kirby Smith. Later he was on active duty with the militia when John Morgan made his raid into the north and in May, 1864, he enlisted in the One Hundred and Forty-sixth Regiment of the Ohio National Guard, serving in the campaign in the mountains of West Virginia, where he proved himself valorous and brave. When the war period was over he spent two years as a law student in the office of Davies & Lowe of Dayton but did not pursue the practice as a life work, although his knowledge of law constituted a forceful factor in his business judgment in later years. Entering into commercial circles, he joined S. W. Davies in a lumber enterprise, with which he was connected until 1870, after which he spent considerable time in European travel. He was an enthusiast by nature and loved to secure that culture which he believed travel alone could give.

On his return to America he joined others in organizing the American District Telegraph Company, which installed the first telephone system in Dayton. In 1880 he accepted the government position of chief deputy and cashier in the third internal revenue district of Ohio and his systematic methods in handling the work entrusted to him won the favorable attention of his superiors and without his knowledge they arranged to place him in charge of the office in the place of E. S. Williams, the internal revenue commissioner. Mr. Schenck, however, went to Senator Garfield and flatly refused to accept the position over the head of his chief, to whom he felt that he could not be disloyal although he appreciated the honor. He continued as deputy in the revenue office until 1882, when he became identified with the cornice works of Charles Wuichet & Company and was chosen president of the Dayton Malleable Iron Works. Under his capable business management the business was greatly extended in its scope and in its trade relations. When he assumed the position of chief executive the plant

comprised but one factory building beyond the railroad in western Dayton. Today it covers fifty acres and the works of the Malleable Iron Company are hardly equaled in all the country. His master touch was constantly on the pulse of the great throbbing manufacturing machine and success and business prestige were continually promoted under his management. He was president of this company until his death nor did its control indicate the limit of his resources and ability. He understood conditions of other business enterprises and his sound judgment was a factor in their successful management. He acted as a director of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad; the Columbia Insurance Company; the Dayton Asphalt, Roofing & Paving Company; and was a trustee in the Woodland Cemetery Association. He served for some years as a director of the Dayton National Bank and later occupied the presidency until his life's labors were terminated in death.

The marriage of Robert C. Schenck was celebrated in 1868, when Miss Julia Crance Davies, the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Watts Davies, became his wife. Her father was a son of Samuel W. and Mary Stall (Thomas) Davies, the former a son of John Davies. Mary (Peirce) Davies, the mother of Mrs. Robert C. Schenck, was a daughter of Joseph and Henrietta (Elliot) Peirce. Four children were born unto Mr. and Mrs. Schenck. Mary D., is the wife of J. Sprigg McMahon, a son of the Hon. John A. McMahon, known and honored among the legally learned of the United States. Graham C. died in 1874. Reneltje W. is the wife of Charles Paxton, of Chicago, and Peirce Davies is mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

Robert C. Schenck was always a public-spirited citizen who never allowed personal interests or ambition to dwarf his activities relative to the public good. To such movements he gave sage advice and generous assistance and Dayton profited by his labors and his counsel. He knew when and where and how to best further the interests of the city and his work in that regard as well as in business lines stands as a substantial monument to his memory. In 1902 he went to the Adirondacks to spend the summer and, becoming ill there, at his summer home, he was removed to Paxton Hospital at Utica, New York, where after two operations he passed away. The announcement of his death caused profound sorrow, and outside of his family his loss was most keenly felt by his employes who knew him as a man, just and equitable in all relations, caring for their interests as for his own. When his remains were laid to rest at Woodland he was carried to the grave by pall-bearers selected from the employes who desired to perform this last and final service for their employer. Many were the words of respect, honor and affection spoken of him by those who were his associates in business, his colaborers in the public interests and his friends in the social circles of life. He was gifted by nature with a broad mind, to which were added the embellishments of travel and culture. He possessed, moreover, that indomitable spirit that has been characteristic of the Schenck family in peace and war. His name was representative of all that is best in manufacturing and banking circles in Dayton, for he was forceful, resourceful and aggressive in business, while in addition to his keen decisive business acumen he possessed a nature which was quick to reply to the social requirements of his community.

MARTIN L. HALLER, SR.

Martin L. Haller, Sr., is a retired gardener of Harrison township, Montgomery county, Ohio, and the owner of some fine truck land on Germantown street, just on the edge of the city of Dayton. He was born in Frederick county, Maryland, October 19, 1842, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Barger) Haller. His paternal grandfather, Daniel Haller, was the first of the family to come to this county. He had retired from active life at the time of his arrival here and was accounted a man of means, as the holder of considerable land in the state of his birth. Henry Haller came to Ohio from Maryland in 1848 and located in Harrison township, where he was among the early settlers and did his share toward making the land ready for the great improvements and growth that the last half century witnessed. Six children were born to Henry Haller, of whom Richard, Mary Jane and Catherine, have died, but William, Susan and Martin are still living useful lives.

Martin L. Haller was but a very small boy when he came with his parents to this county and might be said to have grown up with the region which has been his home for sixty years. He has taken part of this change and has witnessed it from many points of view, for he attended the country schools, the only schools he ever knew, before they even aspired to anything like their present proficiency, and during his youth and early manhood worked on the Patterson farm, which was absorbed by the growing city of Dayton, incorporated within its boundaries and made a part of its civic life. Many others are the transformations that Mr. Haller has witnessed during the years of his active life and many are the stories he could relate of that life now passed. He can also tell of the many acts of bravery that came under his own eyes during the course of the Civil war, for he was among that vast army that answered to the call of the nation when it was threatened with dissolution, having enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry under Colonel Lowe. Upon his discharge from the army Mr. Haller devoted all his energies to that phase of life which had already engrossed the greater part of his time—farming. He worked diligently and saved carefully and soon had enough money to make the first payment upon his present farm. Truck gardening appealed to him as more profitable on his land than general farming, and of this he has made a very decided success.

On the 29th of September, 1864, Mr. Haller was married to Miss Amanda Miller, who died in 1905, after having borne and reared eight children and seeing her later years gladdened by several grandchildren. Eva, who was the eldest of the family, married Joseph Bitner and became the mother of four children, Lottie, Estella, Clifford and Eugene. Harry, the first son, married Miss Emma Puterbaugh and is the father of two children, Elizabeth and Robert. Daisy is the wife of Luther Fraver, who has taken active charge of things on the truck farm, and by whom she has one son, Harold. Luther Haller married Miss Amanda West and is now the father of Lelah, Ralph, Grace and Jeannette. Katie is the wife of John Dunkle, a preacher of the gospel, and they have four children, Sharon, Ruth, Catherine, and Agnes. Hattie is the wife of A. Scho-

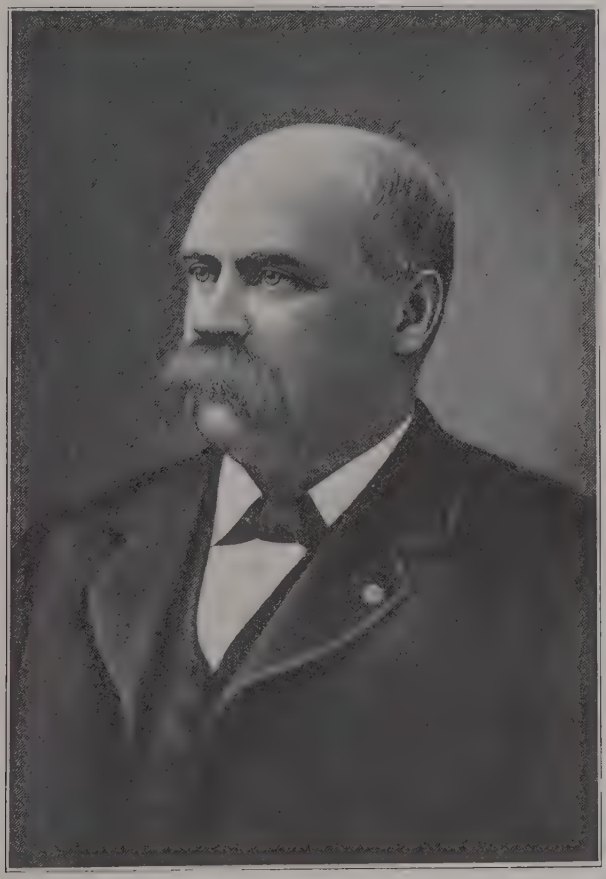
palla and the mother of one daughter, Irene. Russell, the youngest son, lives at home. Elizabeth is deceased.

Mr. Haller is a member of the United Brethren church and is a Christian in every sense of the word as exemplified by his daily acts. During all the years of his long life he has been dependent upon himself alone for his advancement. He early learned the secret of success and justly deserves the rest from active cares and the comforts he now enjoys on the farm, which was the scene of his arduous labors.

JOHN R. BROWNELL.

John R. Brownell, late president of The Brownell & Company, Dayton, was born in Fulton county, New York, July 7, 1839. His parents, Frederick and Ann (Dawley) Brownell, were both natives of Fulton county, New York. His father was a tanner and currier by trade, and with six of his brothers served in the war of 1812, being stationed at Sacket's Harbor under General Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Brownell were the parents of eleven children.

John R. Brownell was the youngest of the family, and after his father removed from Green Springs to his farm near Fremont, he attended school two winters, three months each term, and worked at home during the balance of the year. After his father's death he worked for his board and schooling one winter at Green Springs. Further educational advantages were denied him, and from that early period in life he was thrown upon his own resources. During 1852 and 1853 he worked eighteen months for William Zimmerman at Green Springs, driving oxen and hauling wood to the old Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad Company, for which he received eight dollars per month. In 1854 he walked to Sandusky City and engaged as clerk and boy of all work in a general store. After being employed for a short period in this capacity he drifted to Johnstown, New York, where he engaged to work for his board and schooling. He remained in Johnstown for about four months and then went to Buffalo and spent the winter with Captain Hollister. The following spring (1855) he shipped on board the steamboat Empire State for Chicago. But after a short time he returned to Buffalo, procured a situation as second porter on the steamboat Northern Indiana, under Captain Pheat, and was paid sixteen dollars per month and extras. Out of his wages he saved one hundred and forty dollars, and when the boat was laid up for the winter, he returned to Green Springs, Ohio, and loaned the money at six per cent. interest. He then went to Dayton and commenced work in the boiler shop of his brother, E. H. Brownell, where he remained until the fall of 1857. Here he managed to save forty dollars, by working overtime, and with this and the one hundred and forty dollars previously invested, he went to New York city, where he worked at his trade for three months at one dollar and twenty-five cents per day. From New York he took the steamer Texas, and went with Walker's expedition to Nicaragua, where he remained six weeks and then went to Aspinwall, and from there to Panama, Central America. Here he was arrested and turned over to the American minister, and having no ticket for California, and being only



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seventeen years of age, he was ordered sent back to New York. But he eluded the officers and, getting on board the steamer Orizaba, a San Francisco boat, was soon on his way to California. While on the ocean the boilers of the steamer got out of repair and they had to run in at Acapulco. To repair boilers was Mr. Brownell's particular line of work, and he received one dollar per hour. Out of the amount thus earned he paid his fare to California and had one hundred and eighty dollars in gold besides. At San Francisco he worked at his trade for a short time and then went to Plumas county to work in the mines. In 1861 he returned to Dayton with two thousand three hundred dollars in gold and commenced business with his brothers, E. H. and J. H. Brownell.

In February, 1861, J. R. Brownell joined the Dayton Light Guards and in May of the same year disposed of his business and volunteered with his company. August 20, 1861, he reenlisted as sergeant in Company K, Thirteenth Missouri Volunteer Infantry, for three years; was promoted to commissary sergeant March 25, 1862, and as second lieutenant, August 6, 1862. The most important actions the regiment engaged in were: Fort Donelson, February 14 and 15, 1862; Shiloh, April 6 and 7; siege of Corinth, April 30 to May 30; battle of Corinth, October 3 and 4; siege of Vicksburg, June to July 4; and capture of Little Rock, September 10, 1862. Mr. Brownell was honorably mustered out at Columbus, Ohio, April 16, 1864.

He immediately returned to Dayton, Ohio. Here he engaged in the boiler business with his brother under the firm name of Brownell & Company. In 1864 J. R. Brownell organized the company of Brownell, Roberts & Lee, composed of J. R. Brownell, George J. Roberts, and Josiah Lee. The business of the firm consisted in the manufacture of machinery and general foundry work and was located at 437 East First Street. On May 8th, 1865, F. J. Brownell, a brother, was admitted to the firm and November 1, 1867, it was reorganized under the name of Brownell, Roberts & Company with the following members: George J. Roberts, F. J. Brownell, Josiah Lee, Samuel C. French, C. H. Kielmeyer and James H. Brownell. At the same time J. R. Brownell bought the boiler business of Brownell & Company and conducted it under the name of J. R. Brownell. Several changes occurred in the firm of Brownell, Roberts & Company during the years 1869 and 1870 and June 1, 1870, John R. Brownell bought James H. Brownell's interest. In February, 1871, George J. Roberts retired from the company, and it was then incorporated as the Brownell & Kielmeyer Manufacturing Company, with a capital of two hundred thousand dollars. They continued business until 1878, when, owing to the panic of 1873-78, were compelled to make an assignment. At the sale, J. R. Brownell bought two-thirds of the property and Martin Schneble one-third, and the business was continued until 1884. In this year J. R. Brownell bought Martin Schneble's interest, and conducted the business alone, under name of Brownell & Company, until January, 1888, when it was reorganized as Brownell & Company, with a paid-up capital of one hundred thousand dollars. In 1891, J. R. Brownell bought the interest of his partners. The business remained at its original location until September, 1888, when a fire occurred, destroying the buildings and machinery. They then removed to Findlay street, north of First street, where a portion of the boiler plant had been since 1882. When they had a capacity of one million dollars yearly output and had

room for five hundred men, three hundred and eighty-seven men were actually employed and their output amounted to six hundred thousand dollars annually.

Mr. Brownell was also interested somewhat in politics. He was defeated once for councilman and three times for water works trustee on the republican ticket, but when a candidate again he was elected county commissioner and member of the council, and in 1880 state senator in a district strongly democratic. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, Old Guard Post; the Loyal Legion of the United States and the Union Veteran League. He was married in the autumn of 1875, to Miss Harriet Alice Smith, daughter of Abraham Smith, of Maryland. By this marriage he had four children, three daughters and one son: Carrie J.; Alice J. now the deceased wife of McCurdy K. Huffman, who survives her, with one daughter, Jane H. Huffman; Mary L., the wife of Arthur H. Richards; and John R. Brownell, Jr. His death occurred at his home March 27, 1901.

IN MEMORIAM.

The death of J. R. Brownell demands on the part of the stockholders a grateful and heartful acknowledgment of his worth as a man and of his invaluable services as an officer of this company. From the beginning he has served as its president and given an amount of labor and watchful supervision to its affairs, which money could not have purchased. To his skillful management the company is indebted for its prosperous financial condition, and which attests his abiding interest in it until the time of his death. Endowed with a vigorous intellect he had improved it by diligent study. Few men have cultivated so wide a field of knowledge and yet few were so thorough, possessed of a most retentive memory; there were few subjects with which he was not familiar.

A striking trait of his character was his unbending integrity. His scrupulous honesty was so well known and appreciated that he was frequently selected for the discharge of the most responsible trusts. No one was more thoroughly versed in the history of the concern or felt a livelier interest in its prosperity.

A. D. WILT.

A. D. Wilt, whose position as a representative of education in preparation for commercial life is indicated in the fact that he was honored with the presidency of the National Business Educators' Association, has been at the head of the Miami Commercial College for over forty years. But while under his guidance this school has been a potent force for education in commercial lines, President Wilt is also known for his deep and stimulating interest in all those topics and questions which indicate the trend of modern thought or are relative to the progress and advancement of the world's work.

His birth occurred at Dayton, Ohio, on the 21st of September, 1841, his father being Jacob Wilt. His mother was a daughter of Abram Darst, who came to Dayton in 1805 and was for many years active and prominent in church, social and business affairs. Jacob Wilt came to Dayton in 1835 and established

a factory for the manufacture of rifle gun barrels, which until 1859 continued to be the largest in the west and supplied the hunters, trappers and early settlers of Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and the territories with nearly all the arms they used. He invented the machinery with which he made his wide reputation.

A. D. Wilt was educated in the public schools of the city of Dayton, Ohio. As a boy he had access to an excellent library which was the first in the state to be created by an association and which is the predecessor of the present public library of the city. Stimulated by the excellent training in English which he received in the high school and from his home and other associations, he was fortunately able to make much of this fine privilege and laid the foundation for a love of good literature which made him a broadly informed man and in a measure recompensed him for his lack of college training, which he has always regretted. One of the most fortunate happenings of his youth, as he regards it, was his father's wise step in subscribing his name for the New York Weekly Tribune and requiring him to get it on his way from church on Sundays and carefully read and discuss it. Under Horace Greeley's editorship in those days, with such associates as William Cullen Bryant, Bayard Taylor, Parke Godwin and a number of other highly cultivated literary and political writers, the Tribune was not only the ablest and most influential political journal of the country but at the same time was one of the most elevated and brilliant literary publications and afforded so eager a reader one of the very best means of training in political, social and literary questions. His first employment, which began as a boy of sixteen, was as a district school teacher in districts adjoining the city. This continued for two years, in which he was credited for excellent success notwithstanding his youth. After this, in 1860, he took a course in bookkeeping in the Miami Commercial College, which was founded that year by Edwin D. Babbitt. Mr. Babbitt was a man of much cultivation, with broad ideas, and the young man gained much from his fine influence which contributed to whatever his success has been. Mr. Babbitt admitted Mr. Wilt to a partnership in 1863 and during this connection, which continued until 1865, when Mr. Babbitt retired, the firm published a system of penmanship which was widely received with much favor. From 1865 to 1904 Mr. Wilt was sole owner of the Miami Commercial College. In 1904 it was incorporated and he continues as president. Large numbers of prominent business and professional men have received a training for business here and the college has for many years ranked as one of the foremost in the United States.

Mr. Wilt was honored with the presidency of the National Business Educators' Association, which met in Washington, D. C., in 1884, and has for many years been prominent as an official and otherwise in the affairs of the National and State Business Educators' Associations. He has twice been president of the Ohio State Business Educators' Association. He served for some years as a member of the Dayton board of education and as a member of the board of city school examiners. During his service he was largely instrumental in having the board establish a system of free night industrial drawing schools, which continued very successfully for some years, with an able corps of teachers who taught hundreds of young artisans of the city. He was also chairman of the

normal school committee of the board and also of the public library committee and was highly commended for his efficient service.

In 1884 he was appointed postmaster of the city and served with credit for five years under the administration of President Arthur. He has always taken an active part in the political, intellectual and other activities of his city and was at one time president of the Literary Union, an organization which had a membership of some hundreds of leading citizens divided into a number of sections for the study of literary and scientific questions. He was the founder of the Present Day Club, an organization which numbered three hundred or more prominent professional and business men, who for a period of ten years, from 1895 to 1906, met at the leading hotels twice a month for the discussion of a great variety of present day topics—greatly to general edification and advantage. After a lapse of several years the club was felt to be of such general usefulness that it was revived in 1908.

Mr. Wilt is now (1909) chairman of the educational committee of the Dayton chamber of commerce. He has always been more or less of a contributor to the daily press of the city and has at times edited one of the leading dailies. He is also one of the original members of the Saturday Club, a literary club of eighteen members which has existed for thirty-eight years, and is also the sole English member of the German Club of the city, a club composed of a number of leading German citizens. The Montgomery County Horticultural Society has included him in its membership for the past forty years and he served as its secretary at one period.

He was married in 1872 to Ella, daughter of Mrs. William A. Bickham, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and youngest sister of the late Mayor W. D. Bickham, editor of the Dayton Journal for many years. His family numbers two daughters and a son: Mrs. Jerome B. Thomas, of Brooklyn, New York; Mrs. William H. Schweppe, of Los Angeles, California; and A. D. Wilt, Jr., who is a graduate of Harvard University and now a manufacturer of Detroit, Michigan. As this sketch shows, Mr. Wilt has been an active citizen, always ready in the promotion of public welfare.

GUSTAV REINIGER, JR.

Gustav Reiniger, Jr., is the owner of a large greenhouse situated on ten acres of valuable land on the Wolf Creek pike in Stillwater Junction. He is a native of Eberswalde, Germany, in the province of Brandenburg, his natal day being January 28, 1874. When nine years of age he accompanied his parents, Gustav and Augusta (Buchholz) Reiniger, on their emigration to the United States, the family home being established in Dayton. August Reiniger, the parental grandfather, spent his entire life in the fatherland. After taking up his abode in this county Gustav Reiniger, the father of our subject, was employed in several factories in Dayton and by earnest labor and careful expenditure at length accumulated capital sufficient to enable him to purchase property at the corner of Dover and Lorain streets.

Gustav Reiniger, Jr., whose name introduces this review, obtained his education in the schools of Dayton and after putting aside his text-books secured a position as assembler with the National Cash Register Company. With the money which he had saved from his earnings he afterward bought property on Dover street but subsequently traded this for his present business and, as before stated, is the owner of a large greenhouse situated on ten acres of rich and productive land. The success which has attended his undertakings is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it has been attained entirely through his own diligence and industry and he is well known as a substantial and enterprising citizen of the community.

On the 28th of November, 1896, Mr. Reiniger was united in marriage to Miss Lena Praeg, a daughter of Fred and Margaret Praeg, the father being a carpenter of Dayton. Unto them have been born four children, namely: Augusta, Helen, Fred and Arthur, all of whom are attending school. Mr. Reiniger is a devoted and consistent member of the Lutheran church and is widely and favorably known throughout the county in which he has now made his home for more than quarter of a century.

DR. N. W. COWDEN.

Dr. N. W. Cowden, one of the younger of Germantown's successful physicians, was born in Quaker City, Ohio, on the 11th of March, 1872, and is a son of William and Deborah (Laughlin) Cowden. The father was also born on the old family homestead in Quaker City and became a prominent farmer and land owner of that part of the state. His parents were David and Margaret Cowden and the former was a son of William and Margaret (Newman) Cowden, who came from County Antrim, Ireland, to the new world and were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania. Subsequently they continued on their westward way to Ohio and, going to Guernsey county, David Cowden, the progenitor of the family in the United States, there lived a retired life. William Cowden, the father of our subject, was a worthy representative of a pioneer family that was prominently and honorably connected with the early development of the Buckeye state. He made farming his life work and attained success and prominence in that field of labor. As he prospered in his undertakings he made further investment in land until he became the owner of a section of the best land in the county. He was very widely known and was an influential and public-spirited citizen, whose aid and cooperation could always be counted upon to support and promote any measure for the public good. He was recognized as one of the political leaders in political circles in the county and three times was a candidate for the state legislature. He was also a member of the state tax commission, being appointed by Major William McKinley. That he occupied a prominent position among the raisers of sheep is indicated in the fact that he was chosen secretary of the Ohio Wool Growers' Association. Neither did he neglect the higher, holier duties of life for he was active in the work of the United Presbyterian church, giving loyal support to its interests and closely

following its teachings. For a long period he was one of the elders of the church and was also very prominent in the work of the Sunday school. In his family were seven children: David L., a physician; William K., who is a practicing attorney; Dr. N. W.; Mrs. Jennie M. Henderson; Henrietta, who is in India; Deborah, at home; and Harris S., who is practicing dentistry.

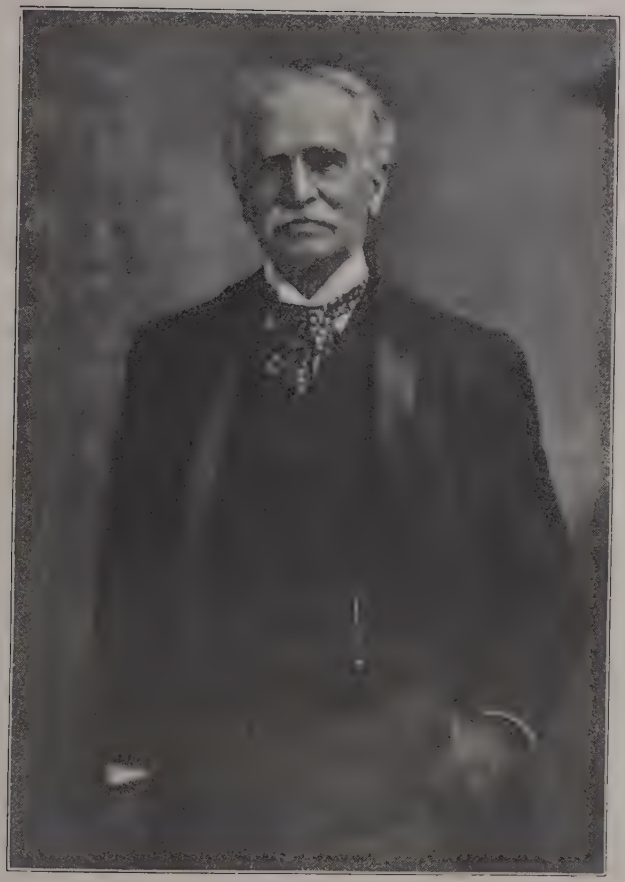
Dr. Cowden, whose name initiates this review, was a pupil in the public schools of Quaker City, Ohio, to the time of his graduation in the class of 1891. He then taught school for a year but regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, desiring to become a member of the medical profession. To this end he entered the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. He afterward pursued a post-graduate course in 1899 and again in 1904 further supplementing his knowledge by post-graduate work, for he holds to high ideals in his profession and puts forth every effort in his power to attain proficiency in his chosen field that will make his work of permanent value to his patrons. In the fall of 1904 he came to Germantown, where he has since enjoyed a large and steadily increasing practice.

His church membership is still with the United Presbyterian church of Quaker City. He belongs to the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Modern Woodmen and the National Protective Legion, all of Germantown. He is a gentleman of unfailing courtesy and genial manner, whose circle of friends is an extensive one.

JOHN W. STODDARD.

In contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, John W. Stoddard stands today as one of the distinguished and representative men of Dayton, his native city. He has largely devoted his energies to manufacturing and with marked ability to plan and perform he has put forth many new and practical ideas in the business world that have been resultant factors in the attainment of success. Moreover, in all of his business career there has not been a single esoteric phase, his record being one which at all times will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny, his success being won in close conformity with a high standard of commercial ethics.

Mr. Stoddard was born October 1, 1837, a son of Henry Stoddard, who in pioneer times became a resident of Dayton and was closely associated with the growth and development of the city for many years. His birth occurred in Woodbury, Connecticut, March 18, 1788, his ancestors being among the pilgrims of New England and among those who fought for American liberty in the Revolutionary war. Asa Stoddard, grandfather, of John W. Stoddard, was a direct descendant of the Rev. Anthony Stoddard, of London, England, who in 1670 established his home in Boston, Massachusetts, since which time many of his descendants have occupied positions of prominence and honor in the New England, eastern and middle states.



JOHN W. STODDARD

Henry Stoddard acquired a common-school education, spent five years as a salesman in a store, and then after thorough preliminary reading of law was admitted to the bar in 1812. In 1817 he made permanent location in Dayton, traveling westward on horseback with the Hon. George B. Holt. Although the little village of six hundred inhabitants did not seem to offer an extremely promising field, yet he undertook his professional labors here, riding the circuit at an early day to attend court in the different counties. In the course of years he became recognized as one of the distinguished lawyers of Montgomery county, Ohio, continuing in active practice until 1846 when he retired. In the meantime he had become connected with various business interests and thereafter his attention was given to private affairs. He was prominent in the First Presbyterian church of Dayton, in which he served as ruling elder and in that faith he passed away November 1, 1869. His first wife was Harriet L. Patterson, who died October 1, 1822, leaving a son, Asa P. Stoddard. His second wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Williams, died April 5, 1861. Their children were: Henry, of California; John W., of this review; Mrs. Samuel B. Smith, of Dayton; and E. Fowler, deceased.

Reared in his native city John W. Stoddard attended private schools here and completed the work of the freshman and sophomore years in Miami University. As a junior he entered Princeton College and is numbered among its alumni of 1858. He then became a student in the Cincinnati Law School and was graduated in 1860, after which he devoted two years to successful law practice, but, abandoning the law for a commercial career in 1862, he began the manufacture of linseed oil in partnership with his brother Henry and Charles G. Grimes under the firm style of Stoddard & Grimes. For three or four years the business was continued on the original plan and was then extended in its scope to include the manufacture of varnishes, while a wholesale trade was established in paints, oils, window glass, etc., under the name of Stoddard & Company. After several years' connection with the business, John W. Stoddard disposed of his interests to his brothers Henry and E. Fowler Stoddard in 1869 and joined John Dodds in a partnership under the firm style of John Dodds & Company, for the manufacture of agricultural implements. A change in partnership occurred five years later, when the firm of J. W. Stoddard & Company was formed, E. Fowler Stoddard and William A. Scott being admitted. In 1884 the Stoddard Manufacturing Company was organized and John W. Stoddard remained at the head in the position of president and principal stockholder. It was one of the leading manufacturing industries of Dayton, its output being shipped to many sections of the country, while its trade constantly increased and its well equipped factories and skilled employes secured an output of the highest grade. In 1905 this company was practically succeeded by the Dayton Motor Car Company, manufacturers of the Stoddard Dayton Automobile, one of the largest and most successful motor cars manufactured in the United States. Of this company John W. Stoddard is president. While there are now many kinds of automobiles on the market, experience has shown that all are not of equal value. In fact the kinds of high grade cars are comparatively few but the Stoddard machine is one which meets the requirements of the most exacting and the most fastidious. The utmost care is taken in the selec-

tion of the material and in the construction of the car, together with supplying its equipments, and the Stoddard automobile today has a very wide reputation as a high class and thoroughly satisfactory machine. Before another year has passed another company will be formed, which will be a separate organization from the Dayton Motor Car Company, for the purpose of manufacturing taxicabs, smaller cars and heavy trucks. Although this will be a separate concern, Mr. Stoddard will be interested therein as a stockholder.

In May, 1861, Mr. Stoddard was united in marriage to Miss Susan Keifer, whose father, Daniel Keifer, was one of the pioneer residents of Dayton. The family now numbers a son and three daughters: Charles G., vice president and superintendent of the Stoddard Manufacturing Company; Mrs. Charles M. Wood; Mrs. E. F. Platt and Mrs. E. S. Reynolds. The family home is a beautiful residence on a hillside in Dayton and is the center of a cultured society circle.

Mr. Stoddard is well known as a prominent member of the Dayton Club, of which he was honored with the presidency. He holds friendship inviolable and true worth can always win his regard. He believes in the aristocracy of worth rather than of birth and has commendable hatred of sham and pretension. He is today one of the most honored and respected citizens of Dayton, for the use which he has made of his opportunities and his talents has brought him prominently before the public in various relations and in all things he has measured up to the full standard of honorable manhood.

JOHN A. McMAHON.

John A. McMahon, recognized as one of the influential factors in the ranks of the democratic party in Ohio, doing much to shape its policy and mold its destiny, is moreover one of the leading members of the Dayton bar, his extensive practice being indicative of the high position which he occupies in the ranks of the legal fraternity in this city. His views upon all vital public as well as professional questions are so practical, his insight so keen and his labors so effective as to make him one of the men of affairs of Dayton.

A native of Maryland, his birth occurred in Frederick county on the 19th of February, 1833. His father, John V. L. McMahon, of Baltimore, was a distinguished lawyer, ranking among the leaders of the Maryland bar. In his youthful days the son became a pupil in St. Xavier's College of Cincinnati and completing the full collegiate course, was graduated with the class of 1849. Something of his scholarship and his popularity with the faculty may be indicated in the fact that he was retained in the school as a teacher until June, 1850.

Mr. McMahon's connection with Dayton covers much more than a half century, for he arrived in this city in 1851, in which year he entered upon the study of law with Hon. C. L. Vallandigham as his preceptor. After reading for three years Mr. McMahon was admitted to the bar in 1854 and entered into partnership relations with his former preceptor, who was also his uncle—the husband of his father's sister. Mr. McMahon was not long in winning for him-

self a prominent position at the Dayton bar and in securing a large and important clientage. Although he frequently met in forensic combat the older and distinguished members of the Dayton bar, he won many verdicts favorable to his clients, showing that in knowledge of the law and in ability in the presentation of his case he was the equal of those who for a longer period had been active in the work of the profession. When he won his suit in opposition to such distinguished lawyers as Judge Thurman and others prominent at the Dayton bar his reputation was established. His preparation of cases has always been thorough and comprehensive and his arguments have been characterized by a terse, decisive logic, while the attainment of justice has ever been the end in view. Following his partner's entrance into official political life Mr. McMahon practiced alone for a time and then in 1861 joined George W. Houk in a partnership that was maintained until January, 1880. A contemporary biographer has said of him: "As a lawyer his career has been abundantly successful. The secret of his prominence in the profession does not lie alone in his strong natural endowments, his breadth of mental grasp and intellectual vigor. It may be found in the fact that he has always been a close and conscientious student, not only of text-books, but of the reported decisions of both English and American courts, so that he is today familiar, in a marked degree, with case-law, as well as the underlying legal principles. Industry, method, thoroughness, intense application—these are the habits which Mr. McMahon has brought to the practice of the law, and which, exerted upon the operations of a keen and alert intellect, have placed him in the front ranks of the lawyers of Ohio."

In his earlier professional career Mr. McMahon would never consent to become a candidate for office and while his opinions concerning the political situation were clear cut and decisive, he preferred to take little active part in political work. In 1872, however, he was elected a delegate at large by the democratic state convention of Ohio to attend the democratic national convention held in Baltimore. After several times refusing to become a candidate for congress, in 1874 the party nominated him and his friends so strongly urged his acceptance that he finally entered upon the campaign work. Such was his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen that in spite of the fact that the district was at that time largely republican he won the election by nearly eleven hundred votes. In the forty-fourth congress he was one of the managers of the Belknap impeachment proceedings and upon the organization of the management of the conduct of the trial Mr. McMahon was selected chairman of the sub-committee to conduct the case. In the same session he was made a member of a special committee to investigate the St. Louis whisky frauds and later he became a member of a committee of fifteen to investigate the presidential election in Louisiana prior to the counting of the electoral vote. His service during his first term was so commendable and beneficial that he was renominated without opposition for a second term and by popular suffrage was made a member of the forty-fifth congress. He was connected with much important constructive legislation, serving on the judiciary committee on accounts and on other leading committees. During that session he was also selected as one of the Potter investigation committee. During the congress the undetermined questions connected with a distribution of a remainder

of the Geneva award fund, amounting to nearly ten millions of dollars, were referred to the house judiciary committee, but such was the difference of opinion among the members of the committee that a minority as well as a majority report was made. The former was drawn and reported by Mr. McMahon and signed by representatives Fry, of Maine; Butler, of Massachusetts; Conger, of Michigan; and Lapham, of New York. The minority report was afterward adopted by the house and its principle was subsequently enacted into a law. For the third time Mr. McMahon was chosen to represent his district in congress in 1878 and during that term was a member of the committee on appropriations. His ambition has never been in the line of office holding and in 1881 he retired to resume the practice of law in Dayton and has since remained an honored and prominent member of the bar of this city. Following the election of a democratic legislature in Ohio he was a candidate for the nomination for United States senator and received the second highest number of votes. In 1904 he was a delegate at large to the democratic national convention in St. Louis.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. McMahon was married January 23, 1861, to Miss Mary R. Sprigg, of Cumberland, Maryland, and a representative of one of the old and prominent families of that state. Mr. and Mrs. McMahon have ever moved in the highest social circles and have enjoyed the warm friendship of many with whom they have come in contact. Mr. McMahon stands today, at the age of seventy-six years, as one of the distinguished and worthy residents of Dayton, where for more than fifty-eight years he has made his home. Throughout this period his life has been characterized by unfaltering loyalty to duty, by firm support of his honest convictions and by adherence to a high standard of professional ethics.

REV. MAURICE EMERY WILSON, D. D.

Rev. Maurice Emery Wilson has for nineteen years been pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Dayton. Profound thought, close reasoning, attractive oratory and above all an abiding sympathy have given him power and gained him prestige as a representative of the Christian ministry in this city.

His youthful days were passed in Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, although his birth occurred in Baltimore, Maryland, April 2, 1855. In the paternal line he comes of a family founded in America in colonial days. His great-great-grandfather, Colonel Matthew Dill, of York county, Pennsylvania, was a native of Londonderry, Ireland, and the founder of the family in the new world. Another ancestor fought for American liberty in the Revolutionary war and was a descendant of Oliver Cromwell.

The Rev. Thomas B. Wilson, the father of Dr. Wilson of this review, was born in Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, November 17, 1822, and pursued his education in Jefferson College and in the Western Theological Seminary. Having qualified for the ministry he accepted the pastorate of the Sixth Presbyterian church of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and later was called to the Presbyterian

church at Xenia, Ohio, where he died after a brief pastorate, September 21, 1858. In early manhood he had wedded Miss Margaret B. Sanders, a native of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Major Jacob Sanders, who was a gallant officer of the war of 1812 and took part in the battle of Lundy's Lane. Rev. and Mrs. Thomas B. Wilson had two sons, Maurice E. and Calvin Dill, both of whom became representatives of the Presbyterian clergy. They were closely associated in boyhood and youth and were classmates from the time of their entrance upon collegiate work until their graduation. Their mother passed away August 31, 1895.

The Wilson family have ever been eminent in literary pursuits and belles lettres generally, as well as in the ministry and other spheres of usefulness. The family records include the names of such eminent men as the Rev. Dr. John R. Paxton and Professor Samuel J. Wilson, D. D., LL. D., who for twenty-five years was professor of church history in the Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburg. Dr. Wilson of this review and his brother have also added to the reputation of the family in this connection in editing and publishing a volume entitled "Occasional Addresses and Sermons."

Dr. Wilson, whose name introduces this record, spent his youthful days as a public school student in Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, and pursued his preparatory course in the Cannonsburg Academy. He then entered the sophomore class of Washington and Jefferson College at the age of eighteen years and after three years' study was graduated, subsequent to which time he entered the Western Theological Seminary at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he completed his three years' course in April, 1879. Ordained to the ministry in December of the same year, his first pastoral charge was at Gallipolis, Ohio, and extended over two and a half years. He was also for a similar period pastor of the Presbyterian church at Emsworth, one of the suburbs of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Five years were devoted to the upbuilding of the Westminster church in Baltimore, Maryland, and his growing powers during that period made him widely known as a pulpit orator of marked ability and one whose knowledge and interpretation of the scriptures was profound. Since March, 1890, he has labored as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Dayton, having now given nineteen years of his life to the upbuilding of the congregation in its numerical and moral strength. The church is recognized as a most potent influence for good in the development of the community and the membership is largely made up of a most intelligent class of citizens to whom the logical and thoughtful utterances of Dr. Wilson make strong appeal.

In June, 1879, Dr. Wilson was united in marriage to Miss Fanny L. McCombs who was afforded liberal educational privileges and is a graduate of Washington Seminary of Washington, Pennsylvania. The only child of this marriage is Anna Quail Wilson, the wife of John Palmer Brandon, of Cleveland. The family home has ever been the center of a cultured society circle, radiating an influence for intellectual and moral progress.

Dr. Wilson holds membership relations with the Sons of the American Revolution, and has ever been a stalwart advocate of the cause of temperance and a worker in other fields indicating the broadening of the angle of his usefulness. While widely recognized as a man of scholarly attainments, thoroughly

versed in the doctrines of the church and with comprehensive understanding of the questions of vital interest to the people and the country at large, he possesses an abiding individual sympathy that enables him to speak the right word of counsel or encouragement, and thus he has gained a firm hold upon the affection and esteem of his own congregation and of the community at large.

ARTHUR MELVILLE KITTREDGE.

Many theories have been advanced as to the causation of success but every logical thinker arrives at the same conclusion—that intelligently directed industry is the basis of all advancement in the business world. There is no exciting or thrilling chapter in the life history of A. M. Kittredge but it is the record of a man whose persistent purpose and unfaltering commercial integrity have brought him to a place of prominence in industrial circles, for he is now president of the Barney & Smith Car Company, controlling one of the most important productive industries of the state.

He is one of Dayton's native sons and the city rejoices in his advancement, knowing that it has been well won. He was born January 9, 1854, of the marriage of Oliver and Julia (Estabrook) Kittredge, who came to Dayton from Massachusetts in 1838 and for many years were honored and representative residents here. The father died January 9, 1904, at the ripe old age of eighty-nine years, and the mother passed away in 1901. Oliver Kittredge was the first agent of the first express company in Dayton and also a clerk in the postoffice at a very early day. In fact his name is closely interwoven with many events which shaped the policy and molded the destiny of the city in its formative period. His political allegiance was given to the whig party until its dissolution, when he joined the ranks of the republican party. A son of the family, Anson O. Kittredge, died March 23, 1903, in New York city.

Unmarked by any event of special importance, the boyhood days of Arthur M. Kittredge were passed as a public-school student until he reached the age of sixteen years. Ambitious to provide for his own support and enter business life, he became an apprentice at the galvanized iron and cornice-working trade, and his ability in that line won advancement from time to time as his excellent workmanship and substantial qualities were recognized. Eventually he became foreman of the shop and afterward superintendent of the business, so continuing until 1877, but the latter position kept him away from the city for six years and at the end of that time he returned and became bookkeeper in a wholesale house. He afterward went upon the road as traveling salesman for the H. W. Merriam Shoe Company, of Newton, New Jersey, which he represented for four years, and then entered into active relations with the Barney & Smith Car Company in January, 1884. For a quarter of a century he has been active in the management and control of this extensive business. He had been connected with the company but a brief period when he was made general superintendent of the entire plant, his early training in mechanical lines proving of material benefit to him in this connection. The company today has the largest car works in the

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west and its plant is one of the most extensive manufactories in Ohio. In January, 1900, Mr. Kittredge was elected to the vice presidency and remained as its second executive officer until November, 1908, when elected president, being thus closely associated with an enterprise of almost immeasurable benefit to the city and one from which he himself has received substantial returns. Since his first connection with the company it has doubled its volume of business more than ten times, now employing three thousand five hundred men. Mr. Kittredge is also a director of the Dayton National Bank, a director and vice president of the Miami Building Association, and in all important business matters his judgment is sound and his discrimination keen.

In 1875 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kittredge and Miss Mary J. Broadwell, a representative of one of the old and prominent families of Dayton. Two sons and two daughters have been born unto them: Harvey G., Arthur L., Mary J. and Helen L. The elder son is now secretary and treasurer of the Kess Paint Company, of which his father is president. Arthur L. Kittredge, who died October 14, 1908, wedded Georgiana Lindley, of Westfield, Indiana, and they had two children, Thomas Arthur and Mary Harriet.

Mr. Kittredge is especially interested in educational and religious questions, upon which hinge the intellectual and moral progress of the city. He holds membership in the First Presbyterian church and is interested in all the movements for the uplifting of mankind. His business associates have ever found him reliable and he is widely known as a man of tireless energy, strong purpose and a genius for devising the right thing at the right time. Those whom he meets socially find him genial and kindly in spirit and at all times he is a courteous, genial gentleman—worthy of success and the high regard in which he is uniformly held in the city of his nativity.

WILLIAM HENRY PAYNE.

William Henry Payne is at the head of one of Dayton's important commercial enterprises in the conduct of a wholesale business in upholstery and furniture manufacturing supplies. He has also operated largely in real estate and his efforts in both lines have been factors in the growth and substantial development of the city, especially in furthering the business activity upon which the advancement and prosperity of every community depends. The ancestry of the Payne family in the paternal line is traced back to Sir Hugh de Payne, a noble Norman who went to the crusades under Robert, son of William the Conqueror. The American branch of the family was founded at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1622. Rebecca Freeman, one of the great-grandmothers of William Henry Payne, was descended from General Constant Southworth, head of the military forces of Massachusetts, and Robert Treat, governor of Connecticut from 1686 to 1701. Through the Southworths the ancestry is traced back to the fourth century. Elisha Payne, great-grandfather of William Henry Payne, was a native of Cornwall, Connecticut, and at an early day left that place and with his brother and some neighbors traveled by ox-team to Albany and thence

to the Chenango valley, in New York, where he founded the village of Paynesville, now called Hamilton. In connection with his brother he also founded the Madison University, which is now known as Colgate University, of Hamilton, New York, the two brothers donating the land and at their own expense erecting most of the older buildings still in use by the school. He married Esther Douglas, whose father was a pioneer Baptist minister of Vermont. Edwin Douglas Payne, the youngest of their sixteen sons, was born at Hamilton, Madison county, New York, May 24, 1818. He was reared in the usual manner of farm boys—an uneventful life and yet one which had the foundation for honorable manhood and for success in business in later years. He was a pupil in the little wayside schoolhouse which was a feature in his native county in the early part of the century. When twenty-two years of age he removed westward to Warren county, Ohio, for the purpose of accompanying a surveyor of the name of Woodruff to Iowa to make a survey of that state, but owing to the death of President Harrison Mr. Woodruff lost his position and Mr. Payne then came to Dayton Soon after his arrival he secured a position as teacher in a country school located near the city and after about two years he accepted a clerkship in a book-store owned by Ells, Claffin & Company, and later by Charles Ells. He was next connected with a wholesale grocery house owned by John Sayers, and when his industry and judicious expenditures had made such a course possible he established a book and stationery business, in 1844, in an old-fashioned brick building on the present site of the Smith Queensware Store, on North Main street. When the Phillips block was completed, soon afterward, Mr. Payne removed his stock to what is now known as No. 40 North Main street and subsequently became senior member of the firm of Payne & Wheaton, while still later the business was conducted under the name of Payne's Book Store, his nephew, Augustus F. Payne, being his partner. In 1864 he sold his interest to George W. Holden. When he started in business he possessed less capital and experience than any of the six men who were then connected with the book trade in Dayton, and when he disposed of his interests his stock and trade were the largest and best in the city—a notable example of industry, perseverance and economy. In 1865 he turned his attention to the flax business, in which he remained to the time of his death save for a period of two and a half years in which he was connected with the Woodsum Machine Company. He died March 5, 1884.

On the 1st of November, 1849, Edwin Douglas Payne had married Miss Phoebe M. Crawford, a daughter of Jonathan Crawford, a pioneer resident of Dayton, and a sister of Charles Crawford. Her death occurred August 25, 1886. In the family of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin D. Payne there were four children, all of whom are living: Emma C., who is the widow of Rev. Frederick Clatworthy, D. D., formerly of the Linden Avenue Baptist church of Dayton and afterward pastor at Norwalk, Ohio, Adrian, Michigan, and Evanston, Illinois; Edward D., a business man of Dayton; William H., of this review; and Bessie, the wife of W. D. Bassett, of Loveland, Colorado.

The father, Edwin B. Payne, was long a member of the First Baptist church of Dayton, and assisted in building the present house of worship. He afterward contributed liberally to the erection of the Linden Avenue Baptist church, of

which he served as deacon for seven years. He was once a member and for a time was president of the Union Insurance Company, of Dayton, Ohio. He was also one of the organizers and first directors of the Merchants National Bank. He was likewise one of the original Washingtonians of early temperance celebrity and was an honored citizen of Dayton and a true Christian gentleman.

William Henry Payne pursued his education in the public schools of Dayton, but was obliged to put aside his text-books on becoming of age to take up the business of his father, who was then in ill health and who was conducting a wholesale trade in upholstering and furniture manufacturing supplies. Through hard work, persistent effort and close attention, W. H. Payne was enabled to greatly enlarge and extend the business until it developed into one of the most important and most successful of its kind in this part of the country. Mr. Payne has also found time to engage with others to some extent in the real estate business, becoming instrumental in the development of some of the largest and most modern plats and subdivisions of the city of Dayton. He is a man of keen business discernment whose judgment is sound and reliable, manifesting at all times a ready understanding of the value and opportunities of any business situation.

On the 7th of May, 1891, in Dayton, Mr. Payne was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Lee Sample, of Dayton, who died in March, 1893. On the 24th of July, 1901, in this city he wedded Miss Alice May Gebhart, a daughter of the late William F. Gebhart, one of the successful pioneer business men of Dayton. There are two children of this marriage: William Gebhart, born in September, 1903; and Alice Munger, in May, 1905. In his political views Mr. Payne has always been a stanch republican, giving the weight of his influence for the furtherance of the best interests of the party, yet is entirely free from political aspirations for himself. From early youth he has been connected with the Baptist denomination and is now one of the officers of the First Baptist church of Dayton. His entire life has been passed in this city and, honored and respected by all, no man occupies a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles here, not only by reason of the success which he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy he has ever followed. It is true that he entered upon an enterprise already established, but in enlarging and controlling this many a man of less resolution and with more limited capacity would have failed. His life record, therefore, proves that success is not a matter of genius, as held by some, but is the outcome of clear judgment, experience and unfaltering industry.

ORION E. BAKER.

Orion E. Baker, the popular and efficient cashier of the Citizens Bank of Brookville, in which capacity he has served since 1900, was born on a farm near Brookville, Montgomery county, in 1870. His parents were John and Sarah (Limbert) Baker, the former an agriculturist by occupation. In pursuit of an education Orion E. Baker attended the Brookville high school and subse-

quently further prepared for a business career by a course of study in the Miami Commercial College. He then accepted a position as bookkeeper in a railroad auditor's office and was afterward employed in the treasury department of the National Cash Register Company for two years. In 1900 he came to Brookville as the cashier of the Citizens Bank, which position he has held continuously since, proving a most capable, trustworthy and reliable official.

In 1892 Mr. Baker wedded Miss Flora Overholser, of Brookville, a daughter of Jacob B. and Eliza Overholser, her father being a blacksmith and wagon manufacturer by trade. By this union there are three children: Lucile, Reba and John.

Mr. Baker gives his political allegiance to the republican party and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various positions of public trust. He served as township clerk for two terms, was township treasurer for one term and for four terms or eight years acted as village clerk. He is now serving as president of the village board of public affairs and is widely recognized as a most influential, progressive and public-spirited citizen of the community. Fraternally he is identified with the Masons, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the United American Mechanics and has been secretary of the local lodge of the two last named orders. His family are affiliated with the United Brethren church and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the locality in which they reside.

J. MASON PRUGH.

J. Mason Prugh, one of the most extensive and successful agriculturists of Montgomery county, is the owner of Ashlawn Farm, comprising two hundred and fifty acres of valuable land on the Dayton and Wilmington pike, about six miles southeast of the courthouse. He was born on this place on the 8th of February, 1860, his parents being Thomas L., and Catharine (Mason) Prugh. The mother still survives and makes her home with our subject. The paternal grandparents were John and Catharine (Haines) Prugh and the former, who was the first representative of the name in this county, came here with his wife from Frederick county, Maryland.

Thomas L. Prugh, father of J. Mason Prugh, obtained his education in this locality and was reared to agricultural pursuits, eventually becoming one of the most prosperous, progressive and representative farmers of the county. His fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, called him to various positions of public trust and responsibility, the duties of which he discharged in a prompt and capable manner. The cause of education ever found in him a stalwart champion and he labored effectively for the establishment of good schools and the employment of competent teachers. When he passed away in October, 1901, the county mourned the loss of one of its most public-spirited, enterprising and respected citizens, while to his many friends and associates his death brought a sense of deep personal bereavement.

J. Mason Prugh acquired his preliminary education in the schools of Van Buren township and subsequently attended a private school in Dayton. He next entered the Miami Commercial College and after completing the course there, returned to the old homestead farm, becoming associated with his father in the conduct of his agricultural interests. This relation was maintained until the latter's death, when Mr. Prugh of this review came into possession of the place and has since devoted his time and energies to its cultivation and improvement. It is known as the Ashlawn Farm and is one of the best improved and largest farms in the county, embracing two hundred and fifty acres of rich and productive land in Van Buren township. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate Mr. Prugh is also engaged in stock-raising to some extent, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income. The residence which stands on the property was erected by the grandfather and is situated just off the road in a clump of ash trees, from which the place derives its name. The dwelling which was remodeled in recent years is now modern in every respect and is equipped with all the conveniences and comforts of a city home, including gas and hot and cold water. Mr. Prugh was formerly president of the Farmers Institute but has resigned the office.

In September, 1881, Mr. Prugh was united in marriage to Miss Annie M. Kemp, a daughter of Joseph F. and Eva (Coblentz) Kemp, of Germantown, German township. By this union there are three children. Katharine, the wife of the Rev. James S. E. McMichael, a minister of the United Presbyterian church, by whom she has one son, Jackson Prugh. Thomas K., a graduate of the township schools, is now a freshman in Monmouth College. Frances, at home, attending school.

Mr. Prugh is a stanch advocate of the men and measures of the republican party and at the present time is serving as a member of the school board. His aid and cooperation can always be counted upon to further any movement instituted to advance the general welfare and he is one of the most widely known and highly esteemed citizens of Van Buren township. He has been an elder in the United Presbyterian church for many years and is a most valued member of the congregation. In business life he has been well known for his alert and enterprising spirit and his salient qualities and characteristics are such as win an honorable success. He is distinctively a representative citizen of Montgomery county and a native son whose life record is a credit to the community.

GRANT STONER.

Grant Stoner is one of the enterprising and prosperous agriculturists of Montgomery county, being the owner of one hundred and nine acres of rich and productive land in Madison township. The farm is divided by Wolf Creek and is situated about a half mile east of Trotwood and about six miles west of Dayton. He was born in Madison township on the 26th of March, 1863, his parents being William and Sarah (Hyre) Stoner. The paternal grandparents,

Daniel and Esther Stoner, who drove across the country in wagons from Maryland to Montgomery county, Ohio, were among the first settlers in Madison township, where they took up a tract of land. William Stoner, the father of our subject, who was of German descent, was a native of Montgomery county and became one of the early settlers in this part of Madison township. When his son Grant was about a year old he took his family to Illinois and followed agricultural pursuits in that state for fifteen years but on the expiration of that period he returned to Madison township and once more became connected with farming interests here. His family numbered six children, namely: Ira; Flora, deceased; Grant, of this review; Lloyd; and Esther and Henry, who have also passed away.

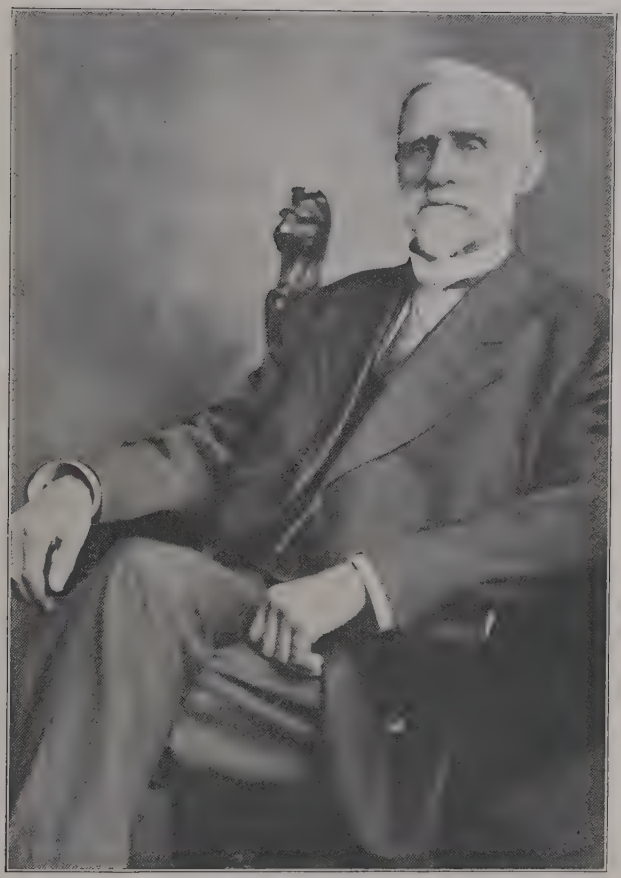
Grant Stoner began his education in Illinois and following the return of the family to this county he attended the district schools here. Throughout his active business career he has been connected with farming interests, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. As previously stated, his farm comprises one hundred and nine acres of valuable land and in addition to the work of the fields he is also engaged in stock-raising to some extent, both branches of his business returning to him a gratifying annual income.

On the 22d of December, 1889, Mr. Stoner was united in marriage to Miss Anna Whitehead, a daughter of Dave and Mary Ann (Wolf) Whitehead, who came from Pennsylvania to this county and were numbered among the respected and leading residents of the community. The father who was of German descent, became a prominent and prosperous agriculturist of this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Stoner have been born eight children, as follows: Elsie; Mildred; Russell, who is deceased; Walter; Albert; Harold; Milton and Grace.

Mr. Stoner is a trustee in the German Baptist church at Trotwood, in the work of which the members of his family take an active and helpful part. He is a worthy representative of a prominent old family of the county and has a wide acquaintance in the locality in which almost his entire life has been passed, being recognized as a successful agriculturist and highly esteemed citizen.

LUCIUS D. REYNOLDS.

The subject of this sketch was born in Homer, Union county, Ohio, September 30, 1835, and with his parents moved to West Liberty, Logan county, Ohio, in 1838, and was a participant in the Harrison campaign of 1840, in that he was hauled through the streets of the town astride a miniature log cabin, seated on a coon skin, with a keg perched in front representing "hard cider," by a company of young men. About 1850 the family removed to Republic, Seneca county, Ohio, where in 1852 his mother died, and the fall of the same year the father placed him and two brothers in a school known as Geneva Hall, under the control of a board of the Scotch Covenanters, near Bellefontaine, Ohio, where he remained until the end of the school session in 1854, when he went to Bellefontaine and became ticket and freight clerk in the office of the Old Bee line,



L. D. REYNOLDS

now a part of the Big Four system, and was in the employ of the company until the fall of 1857, at which time he was residing in Indianapolis and connected with the superintendent's office of the line. On September 28 of that year he was united in marriage to Miss Sophia T. Gardner, a daughter of General Isaac S. Gardner, an old and prominent citizen of Bellefontaine, to which place he and wife removed soon after.

On January 7, 1859, Mr. Reynolds became associated with Samuel T. Walker in the publication of the Bellefontaine Republican, the leading organ of the new republican party, and on the 28th of the same month came into full possession of the office, with no further experience than received in about a year of service in the West Liberty Banner office, under the control of Colonel Coates Kinney, of "Rain on the Roof" celebrity; was editor in chief, pressman, typesetter, job workman, often going to the case and composing as he set the type for publication, participating in the exciting events preceding the Civil war; was a supporter of Salmon P. Chase for president, also of John Sherman for senator, terminating in the first instance in the nomination of Abraham Lincoln, whose election Mr. Reynolds advocated with all the vigor mind and heart could give for republicanism handed down to him by whig blood kept hot through preceding generations.

Publishing what would be called a country newspaper in these days was not a sinecure, with subscriptions paid in wood, butter, eggs, potatoes and apples, and when, if a fellow did get a little cash in paper money, it was of so doubtful a nature that he did not know that it would be worth anything an hour after he received it. So when his party came into power, he conceived the idea that it might be a good thing to try for some of Uncle Sam's cash, which resulted in his obtaining, through Senator Sherman, a clerkship in the division of receipts and expenditures in the register's bureau of the treasury department at Washington, by appointment of Salmon P. Chase, whom Mr. Lincoln had placed in his cabinet as secretary of the treasury. The duty to which he was assigned was the making up in detail the yearly reports of the receipts and expenditures for each year ending June 30, and a year was consumed each time in doing the work. In addition to this, he, with other clerks in the different bureaus of the treasury, was detailed to trim with long bladed shears the first greenbacks issued by the government, which, becoming too extensive for such a process, was soon done by machinery invented for the purpose.

His efficiency being recognized by the chief of the division, who in time was promoted to the chief clerkship of the register's office, had Mr. Reynolds appointed to the vacancy, which he held until the 1st of June, 1866, when he resigned and returned to Bellefontaine, and in August of the same year came to Dayton, and with his brother-in-law, James R. Gardner, started a printing office in the old engine house that stood in the rear of Turner's Opera House, and with that noted building was destroyed by fire, but the printing office had been removed to the Wollaston Mill, corner of the Canal and Fifth street, at which time the firm had become Reynolds & Reynolds, Ira Reynolds, the father, having purchased the Gardner interest.

Time passed and Mr. Reynolds purchased his father's interest and in 1889 organized a stock company, under the title of The Reynolds & Reynolds Com-

pany, which it carries at the present time, and of which he has been president; is also first vice president of The Dayton Savings & Trust Company; and director in The Reynolds "Aertite" Carton Company, The Dayton Fibre Plaster Company and The Associated Charities, a member of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, and a "dyed-in-the-wool" republican. His marital companion passed to her reward in June, 1906, leaving as issues of the union: Lewis G., Annie E., wife of Robert L. Hughes; Edwin S. and Sophia A., wife of John E. Parrott, who with their children have their homes in Dayton.

G. HARRIES GORMAN.

The growth and progress of a city are always the direct outcome of its business development and the men who are, therefore, the promoters of a city's greatness and prosperity are they who founded and control important commercial and industrial concerns. In this connection G. Harries Gorman is well known as the treasurer of the Davis Sewing Machine Company, his name figuring prominently in the business circles of the city.

He was born in Dayton, January 13, 1861, and comes of Irish ancestry in the paternal line. His grandfather, George H. Gorman, was a native of the north of Ireland, born in the eighteenth century. In early manhood he came to the new world and established his home in Cincinnati, Ohio, when it was a comparatively small place, yet of considerable importance from the fact of its advantageous position on the Ohio when practically all transportation was done by means of the waterways of the country. He engaged in steamboating on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and also carried on general merchandising. He was in fact one of the prominent figures in connection with trade interests along the two important waterways of the country at that period. He died during a yellow fever epidemic in New Orleans in 1840. His wife bore the maiden name of Mary Harshman and was a daughter of Jonathan Harshman.

Their only child was Jonathan H. Gorman, the father of G. Harries Gorman. He was left an orphan at an early age and was reared in Dayton by his maternal grandfather, J. H. Harshman. His birth occurred in Dayton in 1834 and in the pursuit of an education he attended Miami College at Oxford, Ohio, from which in due course of time he was graduated, while subsequently he pursued a post-graduate course in Flushing School, Flushing, Long Island. On the expiration of that period he returned to Dayton and became a factor in the business life of the city as a banker in connection with Reuben Harshman but during the widespread financial panic of 1873 they suffered losses as did hundreds of other banking institutions and were forced to close. Mr. Gorman then entered the milling business in Montgomery county, and also owned and operated a mill in Cincinnati, Ohio, continuing successfully in that line of business until he retired in 1888. He married Miss Rosetta Harries, of Dayton, a daughter of John W. Harries, who was a native of Wales and came to this city during the pioneer epoch in its history. He was not only prominent in business circles but was also recognized as one of the leaders in the political life of the community.

He conducted a brewery business up to the time of his death and was regarded as one of the substantial enterprising representatives of manufacturing interests in the city. He married a Miss Conkling, of Long Island, a great-aunt of the late Senator Roscoe Conkling, and their daughter, Rosetta, became the wife of Jonathan H. Gorman. They lived to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary on the 13th of October, 1907. Their marriage was blessed with three children: two daughters who died in early life and G. H. Gorman.

The last named was reared in Dayton and at the usual age was sent to the public schools, wherein he continued his studies to the age of eighteen years. He then entered the employ of S. J. Patterson, a coal dealer, with whom he remained for two years, after which he went upon the road for a Dayton firm, which he represented for four years. He next engaged in the manufacture of tobacco in Dayton and so continued until July, 1896, when he became connected with the Davis Sewing Machine Company as purchasing agent. His business ability, enterprising spirit and unwearied industry received recognition in 1903 in his election to the position of treasurer and since that time he has guided the financial interests of what is today one of the most important industries of Dayton. He is also a director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Manufacturers Association.

In his native city in 1888 Mr. Gorman was married to Miss Annae B. Barney, a daughter of Eugene J. Barney and they have one child, E. J. B. Gorman. Appreciative of the social amenities of life Mr. Gorman is a popular and valued member of the Dayton City Club and of the Buzfuz Club. He belongs also to the Episcopal church and gives his political support to the republican party for his study of the questions and issues of the day has led him to the firm belief that the interests of the country are best conserved through the adoption of republican principles. However, the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him as he has preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs. Beginning life in a humble capacity he has made steady progress, each forward step bringing him broader outlook, while his enterprise has gained for him a prominent position in the commercial circles of the city. Thus his personal worth and the fact that he is a representative of two of the oldest and best known families of Dayton well entitle him to representation in this volume.

NED DUNHAM GOODHUE, M. D.

Acquainted with all of the modern processes of medical practice, with the latest inventions which are an element in success and with the deepest researches into the science of medicine and surgery, Dr. Ned Dunham Goodhue has gained a liberal patronage during the years of his connection with the medical fraternity in Dayton. He was born in Putney, Vermont, on the 20th of July, 1877, and during his infancy was taken by his parents to Westminister, that state, where he was reared. His preliminary education was there largely acquired in the public schools and later he entered the Kimball Union Academy

at Meriden, New Hampshire, from which he was graduated with the class of 1897. He afterward entered Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota, where he spent two years in study and in 1899 he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he began preparation for the medical profession, which he had determined to make his life work. He was matriculated in the Ohio Medical University in that year and on the completion of the regular course was graduated with the class of 1903. Immediately afterward he came to Dayton as interne in the Miami Valley Hospital, where he continued for fourteen months, this bringing him broad, varied, practical and valuable experience. At the end of that time he commenced general practice and is also pathologist at the Miami Valley Hospital. He is a nephew of Dr. George Goodhue, a very prominent physician of Dayton, and the ability which he is now displaying seems to indicate that he may one day rival his uncle in skill and professional power. He belongs to the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Society, the Montgomery County Medical Society, and the Dayton Academy of Medicine. He is also serving as a member of the board of health of Dayton.

In 1906 Dr. Goodhue was married, in Woodstock, Vermont, to Miss Roma Carpenter, and they have one daughter, Jennette. Dr. Goodhue belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has social qualities which render him popular with his patrons and with many friends.

DICK R. PICKERING.

Dick R. Pickering may aptly be termed a man of purpose and the story of his life is the story of honest industry and thrift. Something of his ability is indicated in the fact that he is now secretary of the W. P. Callahan Company, manufacturers of hydraulic oil machinery and gas and gasoline engines in Dayton. He was born in Greenville, Ohio, August 29, 1874, and was there reared to the age of eighteen years, entering the public schools at the usual age and passing through consecutive grades until he entered upon the final step in his educational preparation in a course in the Miami Commercial College at Dayton. His youthful days were passed in the home of his father, Moses Pickering, who was born in Greenville, Ohio, in 1836 and there spent his entire life, passing away in his native city in 1886. He had married Deborah Clark and they were the parents of five sons, all of whom are still living as is the mother.

Dick R. Pickering is the youngest of the family and when he had completed his training for the business world he entered the employ of the W. P. Callahan Company as bookkeeper. His course in this connection won the favorable attention of those in authority and gained him promotion in 1907 in his election to the office of secretary and treasurer. He is a young man of marked ability, forceful and resourceful and the mere fact of his being secretary and treasurer of the W. P. Callahan Company, at the head of which is Thomas De Armond, a prominent banker and one of Dayton's keenest sighted business men, is the best testimony of his worth and ability.

In 1899 Mr. Pickering was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Miss Josephine Cassel and they are well known in the social circles of the city. Mr. Pickering belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and his political allegiance is given to the republican party.

EDWARD L. ROWE.

Edward L. Rowe, for forty-three years actively connected with the profession which has important bearing upon the progress and stable prosperity of every community, in that it conserves the ends of justice and individual rights, has throughout this period practiced in Dayton with a clientage that has not only been of an extensive but also of a distinctly representative character. One of the native sons of Montgomery county, he was born in Germantown, September 21, 1842. His father, Daniel J. Rowe, long a well known and respected citizen of Germantown, where for many years he followed merchandising, died in 1907 at the very venerable age of ninety-three years.

While spending his youthful days in his native village Edward L. Rowe mastered the branches of learning that constitute the curriculum of the public and high schools and later entered the Miami University, at Oxford, Ohio, where he was graduated with the class of 1864. Soon afterward he came to Dayton and, having determined upon the practice of law as his life work, he began reading the leading text-books and commentaries of that time under the direction of the Hon. Lewis B. Gunckel. In May, 1866, after passing the required examination, he was admitted to the bar and then practiced alone until 1869, when he formed a law partnership with his former preceptor that continued for some years. After a time P. H. Gunckel was taken into the firm under the style of Gunckel, Rowe & Gunckel. Several years later P. H. Gunckel withdrew and the original firm style of Gunckel & Rowe was then resumed and so continued until 1890, when W. W. Shuey was admitted and the firm then became Gunckel, Rowe & Shuey. After the retirement of the senior partner the association between Mr. Rowe and Mr. Shuey was continued, and in January, 1907, L. W. James was admitted under the firm style of Rowe, Shuey & James, while in April, 1907, Judge E. P. Matthews came into the firm, which is now Rowe, Shuey, Matthews & James. Thus Mr. Rowe stands at the head of one of the most prominent law firms of the city. The consensus of public opinion accords him high rank in the profession and he is no doubt one of the most successful lawyers here. His opinions are valued highly because of his comprehensive knowledge of the principles of jurisprudence and his correct application thereof to the points in litigation. He possesses a mind of singular precision and power capable of an impartial view of both sides of a question and of arriving at a just conclusion. While he possesses much natural ability, he is withal a hard student and is never content until he has mastered every detail of his cases. He believes in the maxim, "There is no excellence without labor," and follows it closely. He is never surprised by some unexpected discovery by an opposing lawyer, for in his mind he weighs every point and fortifies himself for defense

as well as attack. During his practice he has conducted important litigation in the federal and state courts with gratifying success, winning well earned fame and distinction.

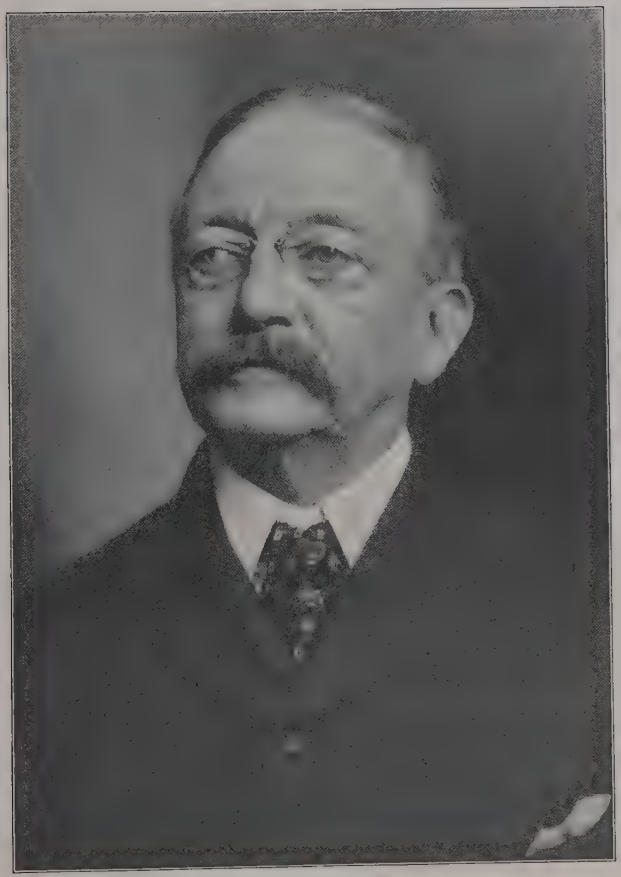
Mr. Rowe votes with the republican party but takes no active part in political work. He has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his profession and in all his practice he has treated the court with the studied courtesy which is its due and has never indulged in malicious criticism because it arrived at a conclusion in the decision of a case different from that which he hoped to hear. Calm, dignified, self-controlled, free from passion or prejudice, he gives to his client the service of great talent, unwearied industry and rare learning, yet he never forgets there are certain things due to the court, to his own self-respect, and above all to justice and a righteous administration of the law, which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success permits him to disregard.

COLONEL JOHN K. McINTIRE.

Dayton has reason to be proud of many of her citizens but none more so than Colonel John K. McIntire, now numbered among her honored dead. In the years of his active business career he was a commanding figure in commercial and industrial Dayton and although complex business and financial problems claimed his attention, there was no man more ready or quick to respond to any call for assistance in municipal matters. In all the relations of private life, too, he enjoyed the utmost confidence and good will of those with whom he was associated because he ever displayed the spirit of appreciation for the good qualities in others, rating men ever by their worth of character instead of their attainment in business lines. It was thus that Colonel McIntire took such a firm hold upon the affections of his fellowmen that his death caused a sense of personal bereavement throughout the entire community.

Colonel McIntire was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, December 18, 1831, and represented one of the old families of Montgomery county, Ohio. His father, Samuel McIntire, was a native of Scotland and of Scotch-Irish parentage, while the mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McIntire, came of sturdy Virginia stock, being a daughter of one of the Revolutionary war heroes who went to the front from the Old Dominion. The family home was maintained in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, until 1840 when, attracted by the opportunities of western life, the father loaded his household effects in a wagon and traveled over the mountains to the Miami valley, accompanied by his family. Their pioneer home was a little cabin on the edge of the Huffman prairie near Harshman in a district which was then largely wild and unimproved. The forests were uncut and considerable wild game, especially turkeys, abounded in the woodlands. Four years later the death of the father occurred but the mother survived until 1885, passing away in Dayton, where she had lived for a number of years.

John McIntire was only fourteen years of age at the time of his father's demise. Up to this time he had attended the district schools but the necessity



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of now providing for his own support prompted him to accept a situation as a farm hand. The commercial spirit, however, manifested itself early in life, and after a brief period he went to Dayton, where he secured a situation in the grocery store of George W. Kneisley, proprietor of a general mercantile establishment on the north side of Second street, between Main and Jefferson. He slept over the store, served as janitor and received the munificent sum of three dollars a month and his board. But at the same time he was gaining practical experience that constituted the foundation of his later admirable and gratifying success. While subsequently he branched out into other fields, he remained throughout his life in active connection with mercantile interests, being rated for many years as one of the foremost wholesale merchants in the city. His careful expenditure enabled him, soon after attaining his majority, to purchase an interest in the business of Mr. Kneisley, becoming a partner on the 1st of January, 1854, in the wholesale grocery house under the name of Kneisley, McIntire & Company. While he had as far as possible saved his earnings in order to purchase an interest in the business, he borrowed from Mr. Kneisley a sum of money on a three-year note and by dint of economy and hard labor was enabled to pay the loan the first year. Success attended the firm and after seven years, in 1861, Mr. McIntire was enabled to become an equal partner under the firm style of Kneisley & McIntire. His association therewith was maintained until 1876, when he withdrew, and the same year established the wholesale grocery house of J. K. McIntire & Company, which still continues as one of the chief commercial enterprises of the city and in fact as one of the largest of the kind in this state. A removal was made May 1, 1894, to No. 116 North Main street. The house was built up through the ability and close application of Colonel McIntire, who surrounded himself with a corps of able assistants, many of whom have been with the house from twenty to forty years, while some of the older employes have been retired on full pension. During the early period of his connection with the grocery trade Colonel McIntire not only gave his attention to the details of buying but to the sales as well and his life-long friend, Judge Dwyer, said of him that he combined three very important elements which are necessary to a successful business career; he was a careful buyer, a skillful seller and a good collector. In this connection Judge Dwyer related an interesting little incident of how Mr. McIntire, then a struggling merchant, at one time called to collect a bill from a grocer in Indiana, who was also a teacher in the district school. The man gave the excuse that he had the money at home and could not possibly dismiss the school to procure it, whereupon Mr. McIntire stated that he was a pretty good school teacher himself and took charge of the schoolroom and the pupils while the rural teacher-merchant went home for the money. Throughout his life Mr. McIntire remained at the head of the business which he established and until the closing years was active in its management. He was a splendid representative not only of the old but also of the new school of business, as in advancing time he in no sense slackened his grasp on the affairs of the many concerns in which he was interested. Indeed he visited the grocery store and the bank with which he was connected only a few weeks prior to his demise, June 29, 1908, attending the daily directors' meeting of the Third National Bank.

For many years Colonel McIntire was closely associated with financial affairs in Dayton, serving for twenty-one years as a stockholder and director of the Third National Bank and becoming president of that institution in 1888. He installed this bank in a beautiful home of white marble on the north side of Third street, between Main and Jefferson and, accepting the presidency, he carried on the affairs of the bank with the most scrupulous regard for the interests of the depositors and stockholders and with careful attention to the banking laws of the nation. This is one of the most prominent and largest banking institutions of southern Ohio and its substantial growth is attributable largely to the personality, integrity and capable management of Colonel McIntire. He was also a stockholder in nearly every bank in the city and was likewise identified with industrial and commercial concerns as a director of the Dayton & Troy Traction Company, the Dayton Spice Mills Company, the Dayton Gas Light & Coke Company, the Green & Green Company, and several building associations. He became connected with the Miami Insurance Company in 1862 and was long one of its directors. His cooperation was always an impetus to every concern with which he became connected and the wisdom of his judgment was again and again demonstrated in the success which attended the execution of his well-formulated plans.

In 1858 Colonel McIntire was married at Romulus on Seneca Lake, in New York, to Miss Evaline Van Tuyl, a lady of splendid qualities of mind and heart, whose death in 1887 was the cause of most deep and widespread regret. Their children were four in number: Stella, the wife of George N. Elkins, a well known capitalist of Pennsylvania; Ada, the wife of Colonel Frank T. Huffman, president of the Davis Sewing Machine Company; and John S. and Edward M., who are connected with the wholesale grocery house of J. K. McIntire & Company.

Colonel McIntire gained the title by which he was usually known from a brief military service at the time of the Kirby-Smith raid, being commissioned by Governor Todd. In the days when Dayton had a volunteer fire company who gave their services without compensation, Mr. McIntire was connected therewith, belonging to the Neptunes, and when the first fire commission was established in this city in 1880 he was appointed one of the four commissioners and always retained a deep interest in the affairs of the fire department. In fact he was interested in every movement, measure and work pertaining to the welfare and upbuilding of the city and in all of his business interests the city benefited in large measures. Prominent in Masonry, he attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite.

Beginning life in a subordinate position in a mercantile house, Colonel McIntire rose to a position of distinction, honored by all of his colleagues and associates because of the integrity and trustworthiness of his methods. As he prospered he made extensive investments in Dayton property, thus manifesting his faith in the city and its future. He was a broad and liberal minded citizen and looked beyond the exigencies of the moment to the possibilities to come and sought not only the welfare of the present but also of the future. He was a kind and constant friend, a pleasant and genial acquaintance, and no citizen of Dayton but was proud to say "I know J. K. McIntire personally and am counted among his friends." Perhaps no better estimate of his character can be given

than quoting from an article which appeared in the Dayton Daily News at the time of his demise, which said: "Colonel McIntire had those personal qualities which drew his friends to him and bound them by hooks of steel. As a banker he was not only faithful to the stockholders but sympathetic and considerate to the patrons. Many a business man in Dayton can count a large degree of his success to having established himself in the confidence of Colonel McIntire. Once that attained, his credit was fully established. He was a man of indefatigable energy, kind to those associated with him, courteous to his patrons, yet at all times maintaining the dignity of prudent business principles. He loved the association of his friends and in his later years his greatest pleasure seemed to be the entertainment of his friends by motor trips throughout the picturesque part of southern Ohio. In this day he was an enthusiastic sportsman and did considerable hunting and shooting. He was a distinct type of the self-made man. No American boy started upon smaller resources and no American fortune was constructed along cleaner lines of integrity and fair dealing with his fellow men. He passes to his family the heritage of a clean business record, extending as it has into almost every active walk of local business life."

JOHN S. McINTIRE.

Honored and respected by all, there is no citizen of Dayton who occupies a more enviable position in commercial and financial circles than does John S. McIntire, not alone by reason of the success which he enjoys but owing to the straightforward business policy which characterizes his connection with important mercantile interests. It is true that he entered upon a business already established, but many a man of less resolute spirit would have failed in continuing its conduct along expanding lines or in grasping the opportunities of the present. He is widely known here, as Dayton is his native city, the year of his birth being 1868.

After attending the public schools he continued his studies in Deaver Institute in Dayton, preparatory to entering Yale, but, changing his plans, he went instead to Miami University in this city, from which, in due time, he was graduated. He then entered the wholesale grocery house of J. K. McIntire & Company, where he has remained continuously since, thoroughly mastering the business in principle and detail and more and more largely sharing the responsibilities in connection with the control of the house. On the 1st of January, 1909, the firm was reorganized as a stock company under the name of the J. K. McIntire Company with John S. McIntire as president; Edward M. McIntire as vice president; and J. F. Snyder as secretary and treasurer. John S. McIntire is also a director of the Third National Bank and the Dayton Spice Mill Company.

Mr. McIntire is a popular member of the Dayton City Club and of the Country Club. He is also a member of the First Baptist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. The advance of time brings constantly changing conditions and the young man of the present age faces problems unknown to

the former generation. Mr. McIntire, however, fully meets every demand made upon him and his record is in harmony with that of an honored father who was the founder of the extensive wholesale grocery house with the management of which the son is now busily engaged.

EDWARD MORRISON McINTIRE.

The name of McIntire has long been interwoven with the commercial history of Dayton and has ever been synonymous with the strictest principles of commercial integrity as well as with continuous progress. While Edward Morrison McIntire entered upon a business already established, he has displayed great resourcefulness in enlarging and expanding its scope and meeting the changing demands of a progressive age. He has spent his entire life in this city, the date of his nativity being May 30, 1870. His youth was passed in his parents' home and he supplemented his public-school course by study in the private school conducted by Professor Deaver. He was nineteen years of age when he left school to enter business life, becoming connected with the wholesale grocery house of J. K. McIntire & Company, of which his father was the senior partner. He applied himself to the mastery of the business in which he became thoroughly familiar and upon his father's death he joined his brother, John S., in organizing the J. K. McIntire Company, of which he is vice president. The house has a liberal and gratifying patronage, resulting from the fact that a large and well selected line of goods is carried and that the company is prompt in meeting all demands of the trade. In no other field of activity has Edward M. McIntire directed his energies but has concentrated his efforts along a single line and his success is a well merited result of his labors.

On the 6th of March, 1896, in Dayton, occurred the marriage of Mr. McIntire and Miss Louise Gebhart, a daughter of W. F. Gebhart. They have two children, John K. and Elizabeth. They are members of the First Baptist church and interested in those lines of thought and activity which further the progress of the city. Mr. McIntire is a valued and representative member of the Buz Fuz and Dayton City Clubs and the Country Club, and he votes with the republican party. He belongs to that class who uphold the political and legal status of the community, not because of any unusual phase in their life record or any spectacular chapters in their history, but because they hold themselves amenable to law and order and lend the use of their influence and efforts to movements for the promotion and the good of the individual and the community at large.

HON. CHARLES WESLEY DUSTIN.

Hon. Charles Wesley Dustin for fourteen years has sat upon the bench of Montgomery county and the second circuit of Ohio, while his present term will continue for four years more. A native of Zanesville, this state, his parents were the Rev. M. and Mary B. (Dana) Dustin. The father, whose death

occurred in Dayton, was a lineal descendant of Hannah Dustin, who, during the Indian war, after being captured by the redmen, killed ten Indians with a tomahawk in order to preserve the lives of herself and child, after two children had already been killed by the savages. A monument has been erected to her memory on an island in the Merrimac river, where occurred the incident.

In his youthful days Rev. M. Dustin accompanied his parents on their removal from the Empire state to Washington county, Ohio, where he remained from that time until he attained his majority. His collegiate course was pursued in Marietta College, after which he became a minister of the Methodist church and for fifty years was in active Christian work, first in Ohio and afterward in the Cincinnati conference. He not only gave his attention to religious instruction and pastoral duties but also frequently discussed the vital political and governmental problems of the time and was particularly active in opposing slavery. In 1890 he retired from the ministry and from 1893 until his death in the winter of 1896 was a resident of Dayton. His wife, who was a native of Washington county, Ohio, was a daughter of William Dana, a son of Captain William Dana, one of the pioneer residents of Ohio and a friend of the Blennerhassetts, whose home stood on the historic Blennerhassett island opposite to which lived Captain Dana. Rev. and Mrs. Dustin became the parents of five children, three of whom reached adult age.

Judge Dustin, who is now the only surviving member of the family, was a pupil in the public schools during his youthful days and acquired his more specific literary course in the Wesleyan University at Delaware, from which he was graduated at an early age for he displayed marked aptitude in his studies. Later he devoted some time to educational work, being connected with colleges in Quincy, Illinois, and in Brookville, Indiana. In preparation for the bar he took up the study of law under the direction of Boltin & Shauck of Dayton and in due time was admitted to the bar and opened a law office in Dayton, making steady progress in his chosen profession. In his early years he did considerable newspaper work as editorial writer for the Daily Journal of Dayton and also in connection with other publications. He was also a contributor to the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette and a member of the editorial staff of the Cincinnati Graphic.

The profession of law, however, has been his real life work and in February, 1895, he was elected to the bench of the common pleas court. His opinions show research, industry and care and have won the approval of and commended themselves to both the bench and bar of the state. In 1900 Judge Dustin was reelected to the common pleas bench and in 1904 he was appointed to the circuit bench by Governor M. T. Herrick to succeed Judge A. N. Summers, who had been elected to the supreme bench. At the next election he was chosen to serve out the unexpired term of Judge Summers, ending in February, 1907. In November, 1906, however, he was elected to serve for six years on the circuit court bench. Devotedly attached to his profession, systematic and methodical in habit, sober and discreet in judgment, calm in temper, diligent in research, conscientious in the discharge of every duty, courteous and kind in demeanor and inflexibly just on all occasions, these qualities have enabled Judge Dustin to take first rank among those who have held high judicial office in Ohio.

His reported opinions are monuments to his legal learning and superior ability, more lasting than brass and marble and more honorable than battles fought and won. They show a thorough study of the questions involved, a rare simplicity of style and an admirable terseness and clearness in the statement of the principles upon which the case rests.

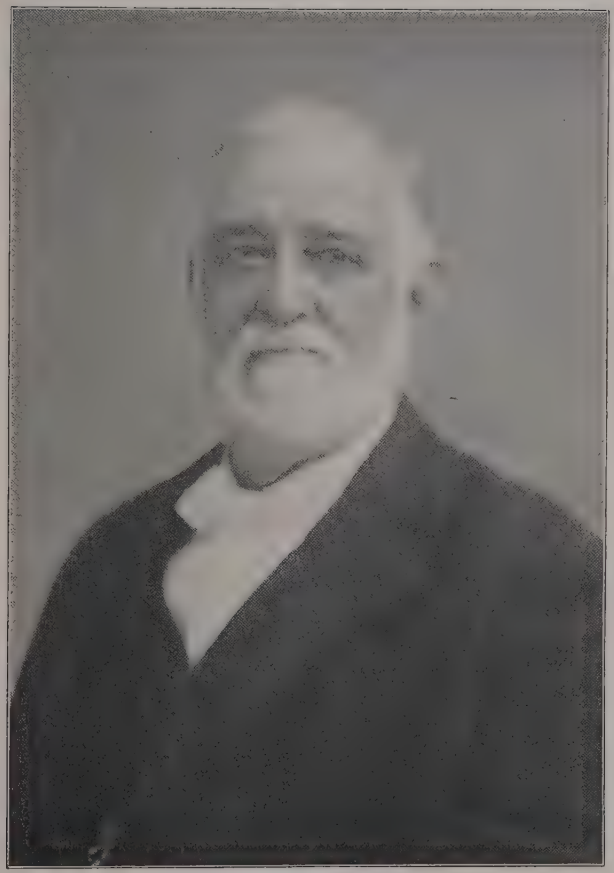
Judge Dustin, in early manhood, was united in marriage to Miss Alpha Hall Newkirk, of Connersville, Indiana, who died a few years later. The Judge is a member of the different Masonic bodies and of the Dayton Club. He is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of the state and did valuable service while connected with the Dayton board of education for six or seven years. He has ever kept well informed upon the important political questions, was one of the organizers of the Ohio Republican League and served on the committee to draft its constitution. He was also a delegate to the convention held in New York city which organized the National Republican League. He remained an active factor in politics until his elevation to the bench and is still conversant with the political problems of the day. Fond of travel, he has frequently visited Europe and the Orient, has also made trips to Mexico, Canada and South America, and is largely familiar with the different portions of his own country. He is a man of broad general learning and wide culture and stands today as one of the strong men of his native state, strong in his professional ability, in his honor and his good name, and in all of those points which make for progressive citizenship. He is keenly interested in all that pertains to civic improvement and was foremost in the movement to beautify the Great Miami river by the building of the dam.

DAVID L. RIKE.

The name of David L. Rike has for many years been to Dayton citizens a synonym for the highest standards of business integrity and enterprise, a progressive citizenship and of Christian purpose. While he is no longer an active factor in the world's work, he belongs to that great throng of the

> "Choir invisible
> Of those immortal dead who live again
> In lives made better by their presence."

His parents were farming people of Montgomery county and at the family home near Dayton on the 17th of July, 1824, David L. Rike was born. His youthful days passed as monotonously but as happily as do those of most farm boys, who are reared to habits of industry and economy, developing in the open life of field and meadow a sturdy constitution. Hard work, plain fare and out of door experiences gave him no false values of life, but equipped him with that hardy, strong and clear vision that enabled him to meet all the hardships and trials that beset every individual, and to enjoy to the full the opportunities and pleasures which came to him. His early educational advantages were those



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afforded by the common schools, but the necessity of assisting in the farm work somewhat limited his chance of attending school until he was twenty-one years of age, when he attended a private academy at Xenia, Ohio, working for his board and tuition.

The following year he made his initial step in the commercial world by securing a situation in a store in Xenia, Ohio, the compensation for his services being sixty dollars a year and board. With Mr. Rike merchandising was not merely an occupation. He loved the details of buying, selecting and selling, and when he was a child "kept store" in a fence corner on the farm, with shelves of his own contriving and a stock of selected stones, grasses and leaves. He made up his mind to a mercantile career years before he came to it and was never attracted by any other occupation. He remained in his first position until 1850, when he came to Dayton and entered one of the largest dry-goods houses in the city at a salary of one hundred and twenty dollars per year.

In 1853 he entered into business on his own account as a member of the firm of Prugh, Joyce & Rike and at that time was founded the enterprise now so well known in Dayton under the name of The Rike Dry Goods Company. This relation continued until 1867, when R. I. Cummin and S. E. Kumler came into the firm. For twenty-eight years the triple partnership remained unbroken, and unbroken also was the faith of the business world in the honorable standing of the company. During all this period the large and ever increasing interests of the firm had the personal attention and direction of Mr. Rike, to whose remarkable business capacity and good management their success was chiefly due. The store became one of the most important commercial enterprises of the city and the success of the company made Mr. Rike one of the substantial residents of Dayton. His financial advancement, however, was gained entirely without resource to speculation, being won through the legitimate channels of trade in an honorable effort to win patronage through straightforward business methods and judicious advertising. He was never known to take advantage of any man in a business transaction, allowed no clerk to misrepresent his goods and such was his honesty that his word was regarded as good as any bond ever solemnized by signature or seal. Perhaps the best illustration of Mr. Rike's conscientious spirit in the discharge of obligations is the arrangement made by him with his two younger partners when the business became a stock company. The firm had been known for twenty-five years as D. L. Rike & Company, Mr. Rike being the owner of half the capital, the other two, of one-fourth each. Mr. S. E. Kumler, one of the partners, has explained it thus: "In 1892 it was proposed to form a stock company, the three to own the preferred stock, in proportion to the capital invested, and the common stock to be divided equally; the stock company to be named The Rike Dry Goods Company. It will illustrate Mr. Rike's keen business perception and at the same time show how he wished to give his young partners an advantage, to say that he figured the stock company business out in a few hours, he to have six per cent on his surplus capital, after which the profits were to be divided equally between the three. He said that if the business paid six per cent The Rike Dry Goods Company would be simply and only the D. L. Rike & Company, with another added name; but if it paid more than six per cent the common stock, which represented the energy of the

men and which was divided equally, would prove an incentive to the younger men of less capital and advantageous to the business. He lived long enough to see that it paid him to lose."

In 1855 Mr. Rike was united in marriage to Miss Salome C. Kumler, the youngest daughter of Bishop Henry Kumler, Jr., and to them were born five children, two of who are still living. An intimate friend wrote: "The home life of this family was at once beautiful, affectionate, true and good. The two, with their dear children, journeyed together in the purest devotion and love, exhibiting to the world and the church a Christian household of the most intelligent, refined and exalted type. To Mr. Rike this home was the dearest spot on earth."

Mr. and Mrs. Rike were always closely associated in their church work. In 1855 Mr. Rike was converted in a religious revival, at once joining the United Brethren church. On removing to Dayton he placed his membership in the First United Brethren church, in which he continued a leading spirit and in which he held nearly every office, including that of class leader, Sunday school superintendent, trustee and treasurer.

On his death President L. Bookwalter, D. D., said of him: "Mr. Rike was not only faithful and true to his pastors and to his duties as a member of his home church, but he was faithful and true to everybody and to every relation. He was in advance of many Christian men in his conception of the relation of religion to life—to so-called secular life. He believed that with the true servant of God religion enters everywhere and enters to take the controlling place. With him business and religion went hand in hand, religion leading the way. Mr. Rike's love for business and his marked success in the commercial world are well known. But his love for Christ and his kingdom on earth and his eminent labors for the promotion of Christianity in the world are equally well known. Upon which did he bestow his chief affection? With Mr. Rike his church stood above his business. Notwithstanding his heavy business cares, he was always in attendance at all the services of his church. This was his rule, broken into only by sickness or other unavoidable cause."

Mr. Rike not only took an active part in the work of the church in which he held membership but was deeply interested in all of the important activities. He was a trustee of the Otterbein University for sixteen years and of the Union Biblical Seminary for six years, and at the time of his demise was president of the boards of trustees of both institutions. In 1869 he was first elected a trustee of the publishing house, a position he held continuously until his death with the exception of one term of four years. For a time he was president of this board and a member of its executive committee. He was one of the three lay members of the church commission elected by the general conference of 1885, that had given it important responsibilities in connection with the revision and amendment of the constitution and confession of faith of the church. In all these relations his duties were performed with the same ability and conscientiousness that have so marked him throughout life.

As previously indicated, Mr. Rike saw no division between religious and secular life. He felt it to be as much a part of his Christian duty to aid in every possible way in matters of citizenship as to attend the church services. As a

member of the Dayton city council, of the Board of Trade and an officer in important business he had an honorable and influential career. In all those relations his actions were characterized by the qualities of insight, discretion and integrity, so essential to absolute trustworthiness in places of financial trust and responsibility. His life demonstrated the great value of industry and perseverance in the achievement of success. For fifty years he was an industrious, persevering worker and his life was a busy one. His application and his concentration of thought and effort upon one branch of business was the secret of his remarkable career in different fields of activity and usefulness. With him, honor as a merchant had the same place as courage in a soldier or as the virtue of charity in the Christian character. In all things he was broad minded and progressive—a diligent student of books and men. He was in the closest sympathy with all advance movements in the church, in education, in practical philanthropy, in social justice, in political righteousness and with all world-wide efforts for the highest good of mankind. His face was ever set to the future and not to the past. He was a genuine Christian optimist.

Mr. Rike was a liberal man and the institutions of the city depending upon personal contributions for their support knew his generosity. His local church was supported liberally and the general interests of the church were given to largely. Especially to education and to Otterbein University did he give large sums. He was a patron and for years a member of the board of trustees of Miami Valley Hospital. Unlike many men of limited education, Mr. Rike was always progressive. He ever was ready for new ideas and new methods in his business and always took the liberal and progressive side in questions affecting the church or the state. While he had but few advantages as to education, he was an inveterate reader of the newspaper. He read it all and with a naturally good mind and quick perception and good memory, this newspaper reading gave him a liberal education. He was well informed on all vital questions of the day.

There is another phase in the life record of Mr. Rike, upon which his family and relatives love to dwell. He was that kind of a child lover that made him of one and the same age with the younger members of his family circle and he was, therefore, the most welcome addition to any family party. He took part in all the games with the zest of those a third of his age, even playing charades and dancing in a Virginia reel. He liked a good story and enjoyed a good joke. He had, too, an intense love of the country and when driving over the Miami valley, for which his affection was unbounded, he would continually call attention to a mass of clouds, to a freshly plowed field or to a symmetrical tree. The autumn foliage filled him with joy and only a few days prior to his death he spoke enthusiastically concerning the red maples and the beauty of the entire countryside.

Death came to Mr. Rike on the 23d of October, 1895, when he had reached the age of seventy-one years. The dry-goods houses of the city honored him by closing their places of business at the hour of the funeral and the services of the church were attended by one hundred or more of the employes of the Rike Dry Goods Company, the directors and officers of the Merchants National Bank and the officers and employes of the United Brethren Publishing House. Interment took place on the family lot in Woodland cemetery. In a review of his

record one cannot but be impressed with the fact that with all the intensity and direction of effort of the prosperous man, with all the manifold interests which went to make up his life, the most strong and potent force in his entire career was his Christian faith and the religious principles which guided his actions, making him a man among men, notable in his adherence to the right and the truth as he saw and understood them.

FREDERICK H. RIKE.

Prominent among the far-sighted, energetic business men of Dayton is Frederick H. Rike, now the president of the Rike-Kumler Company, in which connection he is active in the control of one of the most important mercantile enterprises in the city. He is also identified with various other financial and business interests and is regarded as a substantial and valued factor in the business circles of Dayton. In this city he was born October 20, 1867, a son of D. L. Rike, long one of the leading and honored residents of Dayton, where he passed away October 23, 1895.

Frederick H. Rike spent his youthful days in his parents' home and supplemented his public-school course by study in the private school conducted by Professor G. C. Deaver. Later he went to Westerville, Ohio, where he entered Otterbein College, being graduated therefrom with the Bachelor of Arts degree in the class of 1888. His collegiate course completed, he returned to Dayton and further qualified for the onerous and responsible duties of a business career by a course in the Miami Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1889.

He made his initial step in the business world by entering the mercantile house of D. L. Rike & Company, his father being the senior partner. He started as an employe, but closely applied himself to the mastery of the business and his constantly expanding powers and capabilities led to his selection as a member of the board of directors when the business was incorporated as the Rike Dry Goods Company. Under that name the enterprise was conducted until February, 1908, when the business was reorganized as the Rike-Kumler Company, of which Frederick H. Rike is the president. This company owns and controls one of the important mercantile interests of the city, with a trade commensurate with the progressive business policy and liberal methods for which the house is noted. Extending his efforts into other lines, Mr. Rike is now well known as a director of the Dayton Savings & Trust Company and of the Equitable Building & Loan Association. His opinions in regard to commercial and financial interests are regarded as sound and trustworthy for he has ever manifested keen insight in discriminating between the essential and the non-essential.

In November, 1899, Mr. Rike was married, in Chicago, to Miss Ethel Kuhns Long and they have a daughter and son, Virginia L. and David L. They are prominent socially in the city and enjoy the warm friendship and high regard of many of Dayton's best people.

In his political views Mr. Rike is an earnest republican and at no time is he unmindful of his duties and obligations of citizenship, being interested in

all those measures and movements which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. The cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion and he is now president of the board of trustees of Otterbein College. He belongs to the First United Brethren church and his social nature finds expression in his membership in the Dayton Country Club, the Dayton City Club and the Buz Fuz Club. Such, in brief, is the history of one of the best known citizens of Dayton—a man of keen discernment and sound judgment whose executive ability and excellent management have brought to the concern with which he is connected a large degree of success. Moreover, he displays in the conduct of his business interests those traits of character which ever command regard and confidence, and he belongs to that class of representative American citizens who promote the general prosperity in advancing individual interests.

ALFRED A. THOMAS.

Alfred A. Thomas, a well known member of the bar of Dayton, was born in Hamilton, Ohio, in 1845. He is a son of Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Thomas, who was born in England in 1812: graduated at Miami University in 1834; removed to Dayton in 1858; and who died when professor in Lane Seminary in 1875. Dr. Thomas was a useful and revered pastor of the First Presbyterian church in Dayton and brought about and completed its fine, stone church edifice, at the corner of Second and Ludlow streets.

Alfred A. Thomas passed through the Dayton district and high schools; attended Miami University two years; and was graduated at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire, in 1867. He then taught two years in the Central high school here, studied law with Judge J. A. Jordan, and was admitted to the Dayton bar in 1869.

During the next twenty years, he practiced his profession in this city, was two terms a member of the board of education; three times elected city solicitor, which position he is said to have filled "with distinction;" was for ten years active in politics as a member of the local and state democratic committees; was one of the owners who installed the district telegraph, and the telephone service in this city; was president of the southern Ohio Coal & Iron Company, which was the main reliance of John H. and Frank J. Patterson in their large coal mining enterprises; and was general solicitor of the Toledo, Delphos & Burlington Railroad Company, now in large part The Toledo, St. Louis & Western. Under Mr. Thomas' legal direction the railroad right of way was procured from Dayton to Lebanon, Ohio, from Wellston to Ironton, Ohio, and from central Indiana through Illinois to East St. Louis, which in some cases involved condemnation by legal proceedings of twenty miles of right of way.

In connection with Colonel D. B. Corwin, Mr. Thomas organized the Fifth Street Railroad Company and built its lines, also including the National Avenue to the Soldiers Home, and the electric railroad thereon, which was the first electric railroad built and operated in Dayton. Mr. Thomas was president of the Fifth Street Railroad Company for eight years and until his removal to Chi-

cago in 1887. He was active and influential also in bringing about its advantageous consolidation with the Third Street Railroad Company into the present City Railway Company.

At Chicago, for ten years, Alfred A. Thomas was general solicitor and legal counsel for The Bell Telephone interests of that city; and as an avocation devoted some time and money to developing and operating a large farm in Brown county, Minnesota, and rental residence property on the Chicago north shore, all of which he still owns.

In 1898, Mr. Thomas returned to Dayton and became general counsel and secretary of the National Cash Register Company. During the next seven years he was active in the management of its legal affairs and organizations, both in this country and in Europe. Resigning his connection with this corporation in 1906, he has since been a member of the law firm of Thomas & Bronson.

In 1880, at Kenosha, Wisconsin, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Jennie L. Head. Their children are: Thomas H., who was graduated at Harvard and then a tutor there; Miss Gertrude; and Felix, who is a senior at Cornell.

WILLIAM JUDKINS CONKLIN, A. M., M. D.

Dr. William Judkins Conklin was born in Sidney, Ohio, December 1, 1844. His literary education was acquired in the public schools of his native town and in the Ohio Wesleyan University, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1866. In 1861 he began the study of medicine under his father, Dr. H. S. Conklin, a prominent physician of the Miami valley and president of the Ohio State Medical Society, and received his degree of M. D. from the Ohio Medical College in 1868. In the spring of 1869 he was appointed assistant physician to the Dayton Hospital for the Insane, which position he resigned in December, 1871, to engage in general practice with Dr. J. C. Reeve, Sr., which partnership was continued for four years. Subsequently he was appointed by Governor R. B. Hayes a member of the board of trustees of the above institution and served for two years. He was secretary of the Ohio State Medical Society in 1872 and 1873 and its president in 1890 and 1891. From 1875 to 1876 he was a member of the faculty of Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, first as professor of physiology and afterward as professor of diseases of children. He has been prominent in local medical affairs and has been identified with the medical staffs of St. Elizabeth and Miami Valley Hospitals since their organization. He served several years as a member of the Dayton school board and for the past twenty-five years has been active in the managment of the public library and museum, of which he has long been president. He is a director in various local organizations, among which may be mentioned the Merchants National Bank. Dr. Conklin has been a frequent contributor to both medical and literary journals. Perhaps the most important medical contributions were the articles in Wood's Hand Book of the Medical Sciences and Kelly's Encyclopedia Medical Biography.

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In 1875 Dr. Conklin married Miss Catherine Bechel, a daughter of Daniel Bechel, of Dayton, and has two children. The son, Dr. Daniel Bechel Conklin, is associated with him in the practice of medicine, and the daughter is married to Edward T. Weakley, of Dayton, Ohio.

JOHN MARION EBERT.

Prominently known in connection with the system of education in Ohio, Professor John Marion Ebert is now principal of the Newcom school of Dayton, having occupied that position since 1902. From the age of twenty years he has been continuously connected with educational interests, accepting his first principalship in 1885 while since 1889 he has been a factor in the intellectual progress of Dayton. A native of the neighboring state of Indiana, he was born in Kosciusko county, March 12, 1852, and is remotely of German ancestry, although the family has been represented in America through several generations. His parents, Charles and Christina (Houser) Ebert, were both natives of Ohio and, following their marriage, removed to Indiana, where Charles Ebert took up the occupation of farming. He was yet but a young man, however, when he passed away in Kosciusko county. His widow then returned to her people in Ohio, with whom she lived until her death at the age of fifty-nine years. There were four children in the family, namely: Mary N., now the widow of Daniel F. Miller and a resident of Gratis, Preble county, Ohio; Elizabeth, who is the widow of John Etter and also lives in Gratis; Thomas William, of Garrett, Indiana, who is now employed by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company; and John M.

The last named acquired his early education in the schools of Montgomery county, Ohio, whither he had been taken when a mere child. He displayed especial aptitude in his studies and closely applied himself to the mastery of the lessons assigned him so that at the age of about twenty-one years he qualified for teaching and entered upon the work of the profession. For a few years thereafter he taught at intervals and used the remainder of the time in promoting his own education. He has, in fact, remained a student throughout his entire life, interested in all things pertaining to intellectual progress while his reading and investigation are continually broadening his knowledge and promoting his efficiency as a factor in the world's work. About 1885 he became principal of the graded schools in Farmersville, Ohio, where his service was most acceptable as is indicated by the fact that he was retained in the position for four years. He then removed to Dayton and for two years taught a school near the city limits. In September, 1894, he was elected principal of the Nineteenth district, a newly organized school whose efficiency and usefulness were greatly promoted through the practical efforts and untiring zeal of Professor Ebert. His excellent work in that connection lead to his transferal to the Newcom school at Brown and Hess streets, of which he has been the principal since 1902. That his work is thoroughly commendable and satisfactory is indicated by his long connection with the educational interests of this city. He is enthusiastic and zealous on behalf of his work and inspires the teachers and pupils under him

with much of his own interest. He is continually seeking out new plans to broaden the scope and heighten the effectiveness of his work which he performs with a sense of conscientious obligation, knowing that it consists not alone in imparting knowledge but in molding character and in forming habits which will have a life-lasting influence.

On the 16th of September, 1881, Professor Ebert was married in Farmersville, Ohio, to Miss Ella N. Riegel, a native of Montgomery county and a daughter of Franklin J. and Catherine Riegel, the former a retired farmer now residing with his wife in Farmersville. The children of Professor and Mrs. Ebert are: Owen Leroy, who was married in Dayton to Miss May Cavender; Robert Laird, at home; and Wendell Burdette, who was born in 1897.

Professor Ebert is a member of Miamisburg Lodge, No. 44, K. P. and Fraternal Lodge, No. 510, I. O. O. F., in which he has filled all of the chairs. Both he and his wife hold membership in the Fourth Reformed church of Dayton. His political views are in accord with the principles of the democratic party and while he has never been a politician in the sense of office seeking he has yet been called by his fellow townsmen to fill some local offices. He served for one term as mayor of Farmersville but resigned on his appointment as principal of the schools of that city. In August, 1892, he received a probate court appointment as a member of the county board of examiners of teachers of Montgomery county, serving for three years and acting as president of the board for one-half of that time. In November, 1908, he was elected to the office of county clerk of Montgomery county and is, therefore, the incumbent in that position at the present time. No one doubts the high character of his citizenship or his allegiance to the public welfare and in the performance of his duties he is proving that the faith of his fellow citizens was well grounded.

WARREN McNELLY.

Warren McNelly is a member of the firm of McNelly Brothers, proprietors of a general mercantile store in Brookville. He is one of the native sons of Montgomery county, his birth having occurred in Madison township in 1856. His parents were Daniel H. and Catherine McNelly, the former a farmer by occupation. Reared under the parental roof Warren McNelly, while spending his boyhood days pursued his education in the public schools and afterward attended the Euphemia Normal School. He turned his attention to the occupation to which he had been reared, thinking to make it his life work and bought eighty acres in Clay township, where he lived for seven years. On the expiration of that period he came to Brookville and joined his brother Calvin in purchasing a general mercantile store of H. F. Albert, of which they have been proprietors since 1891, conducting the enterprise with creditable success for eighteen years. They have a large double store and occupy two floors, carrying an extensive stock of goods. The business was reorganized and incorporated under the name of the McNelly Brother Mercantile Company in 1907, with Warren McNelly as president; Calvin McNelly as vice president; and J. P. Sey-

bold as secretary and treasurer. In addition to his mercantile interests Warren McNelly is well known in financial circles as one of the directors of the Citizens Banking Company.

In community affairs Mr. McNelly is actively interested and his cooperation can be counted upon to support and further many measures for the general good. He has been treasurer of the township for four years or for two terms, also filled the office of city councilman for two terms and at one time was a member of the school board. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the United Brethren church of which he has been a trustee for about ten years, for in various departments of church activity he is interested. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias and the principles and rules which govern his conduct and shape his action are such as commend one to the regard of all in every land and clime.

Mr. McNelly was married in 1882 to Miss Sarah Cloppert, of Brookville, a daughter of David Cloppert, a farmer by occupation. They now have two children: Mary Alice, the wife of Andrew A. Maysillis, superintendent of the Clay and Miami township schools; and Reatha May, a student.

Mr. McNelly is a representative of old Ohio families. His grandfather first came to this state from Pennsylvania and his father was born in Montgomery county and resided here until his death, which occurred when he was sixty-three years of age. The mother's people were also among the first settlers of the county and the family of Mrs. Warren McNelly arrived in Ohio at an early period in the development of this state. The name of McNelly has long been a synonym for business enterprise, for commercial integrity and for public-spirited citizenship, and the record of our subject is in entire harmony with that of his ancestry. He is now classed with the leading citizens of Brookville and his activity is a factor in its commercial advancement.

FRANK EVERETT CAYLOR.

Frank Everett Caylor, who is successfully identified with educational interests as principal of the schools at Liberty, was born on the 13th of December, 1887. His parents, Jacob Hamilton and Ella (Roher) Caylor, who were married December 30, 1886, now reside on a farm in Jefferson township which is the property of the paternal grandparents, Uriah and Sarah (Harter) Caylor. The maternal grandparents of our subject are David and Harriet (Runchie) Roher, also residents of Jefferson township. Their daughter Ella was born on the 5th of November, 1866, and by her marriage to Jacob H. Caylor has become the mother of two children: Frank Everett, of this review; and Olive May, whose birth occurred October 30, 1893.

Frank Everett Caylor was graduated from the common schools in the year 1902 and subsequently entered the Jefferson township high school, completing the course at that institution in the spring of 1906. He then took up the work of teaching and has proven a successful educator, being now principal of the schools at Liberty. He has always continued to reside with his parents on the

home farm on section 13, Jefferson township, and for the past several years has been engaged in the tobacco business in association with his father. It is his intention to put aside his educational labors in the near future and devote his entire time and energies to the tobacco business and, being a young man of excellent executive ability, sound judgment and keen discrimination, his many friends predict for him a prosperous career. Though still young in years, he has already gained for himself an enviable reputation as a man of enterprise and progressive spirit and is widely recognized as a worthy representative of one of the old and well known families of Montgomery county.

CHARLES RETTICH.

The tobacco trade is largely represented in Germantown where are seen in active operation all the modern methods of caring for, handling, and manufacturing tobacco. This is an important source of the city's financial progress and with the trade Charles Rettich is closely associated as a dealer in leaf tobacco. He is well known in this section of Montgomery county, where he has always lived, his birth having occurred January 4, 1874, on his father's farm on the Butler street road in German township, about two miles southeast of Germantown. He is a son of Anthony and Louisa (Lonakcreek) Rettich. As the name indicates, the family is of German origin. The paternal grandfather in his latter years was a retired farmer and, coming to Ameria, made his home for a time in Germantown, but eventually returned to his native country. Later, however, he again crossed the Atlantic to the United States and spent his last days in German township. His son, Anthony Rettich, was educated in Germany and, attracted by the opportunities of the new world, made the voyage across the briny deep. He came direct to Germantown where he went to work at farm labor. He later purchased land and established what has since been known as the Rettich homestead.

Charles Rettich, reared under the parental roof, early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His education was acquired in the Swartzel school and during the periods of vacation he worked on a farm. On the old homestead general agriculture was carried on, yet much of the land was devoted to the cultivation of tobacco, and with the plant Charles Rettich thus became familiar at an early day, his knowledge thereof enabling him to judge accurately of the value of the product brought to him for purchase. In the fall of 1903 he took up his abode in Germantown and established his present business which he has since successfully conducted. He now handles and controls a large trade and his extensive sales bring him a most satisfactory annual income. He may justly be called a self-made man for he had no assistance at the outset of his career but through his own efforts has worked his way steadily upward and has gained an excellent start in the world.

On the 26th of August, 1903, Mr. Rettich was united in marriage to Miss Della Lantis, a daughter of C. W. and Susan (Kline) Lantis, who were prominent farming people of German township. Mr. and Mrs. Rettich are widely

and favorably known in Germantown and this part of the county where their circle of friends is almost coextensive with the circle of their acquaintances. He is the only man belonging to five lodges in German township, being identified with the Masons, the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen, and the Junior Order of American Mechanics, all of Germantown. He likewise belongs to the Lutheran church and his life conforms to its teachings, while the sterling principles which have guided him have made him both a successful merchant and an honored resident of his community.

WILLIAM A. REITER.

The enterprising city of Miamisburg claims William A. Reiter as one of its most valuable representatives. He is now mayor of the city and his administration as its chief executive is characterized by the embodiment of high ideals and practical reforms. One of the city's native sons, he was born January 6, 1860, his parents being the Rev. Dr. Isaac H. and Margaret J. (Heilman) Reiter, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather of our subject was William Reiter, who removed from the Keystone state to Ohio at a very early day and settled in Wayne county, casting in his lot with the pioneer residents of that district. He engaged in farming near Wooster for a long period and died when well advanced in years. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Reiter, has also passed away. They reared a large family of fourteen children, including Rev. Dr. Isaac H. Reiter. The maternal grandfather was Philip Heilman, a native of Pennsylvania, who, on his removal to Ohio, settled in Seneca county, near Tiffin, where he engaged in general agricultural pursuits. He died there at the venerable age of ninety-two years, while his wife, Mrs. Catharine Heilman, was also about ninety-two years of age at the time of their demise. Their family numbered five children, including Margaret J., who became the wife of Dr. Reiter.

The father was for many years a minister in the Reformed church, giving the best efforts of his life to the promotion of the cause of Christianity and for the adoption of the principles of the church by his fellowmen. He was the stated clerk of the Ohio synod and of the general synod of the General Reformed church in the United States, and he counted no personal sacrifice or effort on his part too great if it would advance the work in which his interests were centered. In 1854 he removed to Miamisburg, where he made his home throughout his remaining days, passing away in 1895, when more than seventy-six years of age. His wife survived him for about eleven years and died in January, 1906, at the age of seventy-six years. Unto Dr. Reiter and his wife were born three children, Eudora C., William A. and Miriam B., all residents of Miamisburg.

William A. Reiter has always made his home in the city which is yet his place of residence. The public and high schools afforded him his educational privileges up to the time when he entered Heidelburg University at Tiffin, Ohio, being graduated from that institution with the class of 1880. With broad literary learning to serve as the foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of

professional knowledge, he took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of Captain Adam Clay, in the office where he still practices. After thorough preliminary reading he was admitted to the bar in 1882 and has since been an active representative of the profession in Miamisburg. His knowledge of legal principles is comprehensive and exact and he is seldom if ever at fault in his application. He is careful, systematic and thorough in the preparation of his cases and his viewpoint or his citation of any legal principle is seldom questioned seriously. Aside from his work before the bar he is known as a stockholder in the First National Bank of Miamisburg.

In all matters relative to the general welfare Mr. Reiter takes an active, deep and helpful interest. He was a member of the school board for one term and his father was president of the board for twenty-four consecutive years. In politics he is an earnest democrat and served for four years in the Ohio legislature as representative from Montgomery county, taking his seat among Ohio lawmakers in the session of 1890. He gave careful consideration to each question which came up for settlement and left the impress of his individuality upon constructive and restrictive legislation. Neither fear nor favor has ever been able to swerve him from a course which he believed to be right, his loyalty to his honest convictions being one of the salient features of his character. In 1888 he was elected mayor of Miamisburg but resigned to take his place in the legislature. After the expiration of his legislative term he was again elected mayor in 1905 and once more in 1907, so that he still fills the position. He belongs to Minerva Lodge, No. 98, F. & A. M.; Trinity Chapter, No. 94, R. A. M.; Reese Council, R. & S. M., of Dayton; and Reed Commandery, K. T. at Dayton. He has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and has been accorded high honors in Masonry, having been grand high priest of the grand chapter of the state of Ohio. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge. He stands today as a splendid representative of the lawyer, whose profession is but one phase of existence and does not exclude his active participation in and support of other vital interests which go to make up human existence.

WILLIAM P. CALLAHAN.

William P. Callahan was born in County Armagh, Ireland, on the 10th of February, 1833. He belonged to a family that, like many another that has come from across the water, sought the opportunities of the new world that advancement might be made in business lines and better advantages given to the members of the household. His parents were James and Jane Callahan, who in the year 1848 bade adieu to the Emerald isle and with their children sailed for the United States, settling at Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, where they resided for many years.

William P. Callahan was a youth of fifteen at the time of emigration to the United States. He had previously acquired a common-school education in his native country and he further supplemented his knowledge by study in the schools of Shippensburg. He was still in his teens when he entered upon an

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apprenticeship to the cabinetmaker's trade, in which he became a thorough and expert workman. The advantages of the west, which was entering upon a period of substantial yet rapid growth, attracted him to Ohio, and in 1853 he became a resident of Dayton, where he was destined to become a prominent figure in connection with the industrial and financial interests of the city. Naturally he sought employment along the line of his trade, securing a position in the furniture factory of M. Ohmer. He was thus a fellow workman with Dennis Dwyer, later Judge Dwyer, at a time when a dollar a day was the average wage paid cabinetmakers and the hours of labor were from sunrise to sunset. Some months later Mr. Callahan and Mr. Dwyer left Dayton for Iowa but returned to this city to be married and continue to reside here.

Following his return Mr. Callahan learned the patternmaker's trade in the employ of the firm of Chapman & Edgar, and then accepted a position as foreman in the pattern shop of Thompson, McGregor & Company in 1855. His ability, faithfulness and trustworthiness won him continued promotion and in 1857 he became a member of the firm, purchasing an interest of John Clary. Upon the death of Mr. Thompson in 1862 he purchased the interest of Mr. McGregor and became the sole proprietor of the business. From the time he assumed the management the enterprise rapidly developed under his careful guidance and keen discrimination. In 1876 he admitted Thomas De Arman to a partnership under the firm style of W. P. Callahan & Company and in 1885 they were joined by his son, William K. Callahan, although the firm title was not changed. The business was founded in 1841 on Shawnee street between Wayne and Wyandotte streets. It was established in a most humble way but its gradual expansion in time made it one of the most important enterprises in this city. In 1856 a removal was made to East Third street, where the company had one of the largest and most important manufacturing plants in Dayton or even in the state of Ohio.

A man of resourceful ability, constantly watchful of opportunities, which he improved to their full extent, Mr. Callahan made continuous progress in the business world and his labors were all the greater by contributing to the general upbuilding of the city as well as to individual success. In 1865 he became one of five men to establish the Miami Valley Boiler & Sheet Iron Works under the firm name of McGregor, Callahan & Company. A few years later Mr. Callahan purchased the interest of Mr. McGregor but subsequently sold his own stock. In 1873 he joined W. P. Lewis in building what was known as the Lewis Paper Mill, on Monument avenue. This proved a success and in 1883 he became the owner of a controlling interest in the Ohio Paper Company at Miamisburg. This venture likewise proved profitable and thus the interests of Mr. Callahan were continuously broadening in their scope and extent. He became a stockholder and director in the Cooper Insurance Company on its organization and was elected to its presidency as the successor of Colonel B. E. Mead. His enterprise and business activity brought him into close relations with many important commercial, industrial and financial connections. He served as a director of the Dayton Gas Light & Coke Company for twenty years and for a similar period was connected with the leading institutions and insurance companies of Dayton, either as director, office-holder or stockholder. He withdrew from the director-

ate of the Dayton National Bank and became associated with the City National Bank and was elected to its presidency in 1894. From time to time he made extensive investments in real estate until his holdings were very large. Among his early purchases were that of the Main street business and office property between Second and Third streets. In 1890 he erected the Callahan Bank building which at present is one of the substantial structures of this city.

In 1859 Mr. Callahan was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Kiefer, a daughter of Philip Kiefer, one of the pioneer residents of Dayton. Their children are Susie, William, Charles and Lillie. One daughter, Cora, passed away in early womanhood.

During the long years of his residence in Dayton Mr. Callahan remained as one of its representative, worthy and honored citizens. He won notable success in business yet larger fortunes were made, but the life history of no man indicates more clearly the value and power of close application, of concentration, of earnest and honorable purpose and of wise utilization of opportunity. A contemporary biographer has said: "The story of his success is short and simple. It contains no exciting chapters but in its completeness lies one of the valuable secrets of the prosperity which it records. He began with no capital except brains, energy, integrity and rugged health. He was truly a self-made man in the broadest sense of the term. When he came to Dayton he was only a young cabinetmaker with no money and few friends; yet in that short time he built up one of the largest and most successful manufacturing businesses and contributed to the success of a dozen other prominent enterprises. He was a man of broad and deep sympathies, and nowhere was this characteristic more exemplified than in his association with his employees. They have on every occasion, both during their association with him in the business and since his death, paid tribute to his many kindnesses. The fairness and kindness with which he carried out his business methods reacted in the best way for both employer and employes. His warm interest in the affairs of every one associated with him was the outpouring of a generous nature and his advice and assistance always went out to those in need. His ideas were strong, but with his heart close to the pulse of the people his hand was ever ready to help where the need was a worthy one."

Mr. Callahan was always in close touch with the people of this city at large and there has been perhaps no resident of Dayton whose advice and counsel have been more frequently sought or freely given. He was deeply interested in the affairs of the bank of which he was president, and at the same time he regarded the demands of every individual depositor as something to which he should give his attention. His opinions were frequently sought by patrons of the bank and no matter how trifling were the questions presented to him, he was sincere in his interest and manifested that kindly good will and thoughtful consideration that would only be expected from more important business ventures. He always demanded that uniform courtesy be extended to the patrons of the bank and that no difference should be made between the smallest and the largest depositor. Through his genuine thoughtfulness in these small affairs his bank was made a benefit to hundreds of the middle class who learned to know and love the man whom they recognized as their patron friend. He had accumulated his own wealth mainly in the consideration of small items and wise investment and thus

he had sympathy for others who were attempting the same thing. His business acumen was keen and his ambition was surpassed only by his great energy.

Mr. Callahan was equally interested in affairs of general public moment and cooperated in every movement which he deemed essential or valuable to the welfare and progress of the city. He gave substantial, ready and generous support to all municipal movements which his judgment sanctioned. He was a prominent member of the Dayton Club and of other social organizations and he made the generous hospitality of his beautiful home on West First one of its most attractive features. His affection was sincere when once placed and an evidence of his loyalty to early associations was his generosity to the little Episcopal church in Ireland where in early life he was a choir boy. This church was never forgotten in his generous contributions to religious work and during his last trip abroad he made a special journey to the church where his boyish voice had been raised in the anthems and songs of praise and worship. His devotion to his home was one of his strongest characteristics, the interests of his family being at all times placed before aught else. He stood as a splendid type of the high-minded American gentlemen with whom contact meant expansion and elevation. His is a splendid example of the power and force of honorable manhood, of earnest effort and of high principle.

HARRY HECK.

Harry Heck, a gardener of Harrison township, and the manager of the two farms belonging to the Schantz estate, was born in Cincinnati street, Dayton, June 29, 1879, the son of Peter and Theresa (Buerschen) Heck. The father, who was the oldest son of Peter and Magdalena (Boden) Heck, has always lived in this county, to which the grandfather came when he left his native land of Germany. The latter became one of the largest gardeners in this section of the country and was widely and well known. A more extended account of him is given in the sketch of George Heck in another part of this volume.

In the schools of this city and at St. Mary's Institute Harry Heck received his first educational training, but the necessity of making his own way in the world soon presented itself as more important than school work and he early entered the truck garden business. To this he has given his time and attention ever since, and he has attained a position of enviable success. If to any one aside from himself credit is due, it is to his cousin George Heck, for it was under his guidance that Harry Heck worked when he first made a choice of a vocation and from him he learned much of his skill.

In 1904 Mr. Heck was married to Miss Lillian Glaser, the daughter of Matthias and Thekla (Snyder) Glaser. The young couple are now the proud parents of three children, two sons and a daughter, Matthias, Harry and Marcella. The family belong to the Catholic church and are in regular attendance at its services. They are also known to be identified with all its work and are prominent among the members of the congregation.

Mr. Heck has made his own way to the important position he occupies among the gardeners of this vicinity. Since he assumed the management of the two Schantz farms, a tract of thirty-eight acres of fine land, especially suited for truck gardening, on the Cincinnati pike one and a half miles from the Dayton courthouse, he has by intelligent cultivation brought them up to a high grade of productiveness, until now they are among the best paying gardens in this part of the county. The industry which has been able to make these farms bear so richly is a characteristic that is ever associated with the mention of Harry Heck's name. Hard work he has never shirked, but his labor has been assisted to a vast extent by a skill and good judgment in the use of farming methods that are possible only to a man who brings his mind as well as the strength of his arm to bear upon the problems of gardening. Success and a fair name have come to Mr. Heck as the result of his labors, and they are well deserved and begrudged by no one.

ISAAC KINSEY.

Isaac Kinsey is general manager of the Kinsey Manufacturing Company of Dayton and his life record is another proof of the fact that unabating energy intelligently applied will lead to success for prosperity follows unfaltering effort well directed just as surely as the night the day. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1860, and there lived to the age of thirty-three years. His boyhood was passed in the usual manner of lads of the period, the public schools affording him his educational opportunities until he graduated from the high school. He has always been engaged in manufacturing lines. In 1894 he came to Dayton and entered business circles here in connection with the Dayton Manufacturing Company. Later he entered the employ of the Stoddard Manufacturing Company and in 1902 when the Kinsey Manufacturing Company was organized he became vice president, treasurer and general manager. This company was formed for the purpose of manufacturing stoves and still continues in that line to a limited extent but in more recent years the output of stoves has been curtailed and the energies of the house have been concentrated upon the manufacture of automobile parts, in which they have built up an extensive and gratifying trade.

In 1885 in Kentucky Mr. Kinsey was married to Miss Katharine Menzies, a daughter of Judge John W. Menzies and they now have five children: Frances, Katharine, Eleanor, Lewis P. and Isaac. In Masonry Mr. Kinsey is well known, having taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite, of the commandery and of the Mystic Shrine. He has also been nominated for thirty-third degree, an honor conferred only in recognition of the utmost fidelity to the principles of the order and of capable and effective labor in its behalf. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity, to the Bicycle Club, the Criterion Club, Smisser's and Mystic Club and in these organizations is well known as a popular member and always welcome by reason of his unfailing courtesy and geniality. He attends the Presbyterian church and is interested in all that pertains to the ma-

terial, intellectual, social and moral progress of the community. Moreover he he an active republican and has served for two terms as a member of the Dayton council, exercising his official prerogatives in support of various progressive public measures. He is, however, preeminently a business man, alert and enterprising, closely applying himself to each day's duties, his concentration and well directed energy bringing him to a substantial and gratifying position in the industrial circles of Dayton.

WILFRED P. GLASER.

Wilfred P. Glaser, successfully engaged in business as a gardener of Van Buren township, has a valuable and well improved tract of land on the Springboro road, about three miles from the courthouse. His birth occurred in Montgomery county, Ohio, on the 20th of October, 1875, his parents being Joseph and Alicia (Burns) Glaser, the former a native of New York. Coming to Ohio at an early age, Joseph Glaser has since continued to reside in this county and is now one of the leading gardeners of Montgomery county. His family numbered twelve children, namely: Joseph and Charles, both of whom are deceased; John; Margaret; Wilfred P., of this review; George, who has passed away; Harry; Blasius, who has also been called to his final rest; Mary; Christopher; Fred; and Morris and Walter, who are likewise deceased.

Wilfred P. Glaser obtained his education in the schools of Dayton and has followed market gardening throughout his entire business career. Subsequent to his marriage he started out in business life on his own account and the success which has attended his efforts is entirely the result of his indefatigable energy and untiring industry, guided by sound judgment and keen discrimination.

On the 23d of September, 1903, Mr. Glaser was united in marriage to Miss Philomena Miller, a daughter of Joseph Miller, a baker of Dayton. Unto them have been born two children, Wilfred and Ralph E. Mr. Glaser belongs to the Pathfinders, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Emanuel church. He is well and favorably known throughout the county in which he has always resided and a host of friends are not only willing but eager to testify to his sterling worth. Though still young in years, he has already attained a measure of prosperity in his undertakings that augurs well for the future.

CALVIN McNELLY.

In this age of marked commercial activity and unfaltering enterprise the man who wins success must be ever alert and energetic, quickly noting the opportunities which are to be had and utilizing them to the best advantage. Such a man is Calvin McNelly, now the vice president of the McNelly Brothers Mer-

cantile Company, of Brookville. He has been a partner in this concern since 1891 and is meeting with substantial success in his undertakings.

He was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1858, and acquired a public-school education while spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, Daniel and Catherine McNelly. He also studied for the ministry as a pupil in the German Baptist College at Mount Morris, Illinois, and was graduated therefrom in 1898. For a number of years he engaged in preaching as a representative of that denomination but in 1904 he became a member of the United Brethren church and has since been a representative of its ministry. He lived for a time at Cincinnati, where he was instrumental in building the Clifton United Brethren church and parsonage. He has also been identified with educational as well as moral progress, devoting about twelve years to school teaching, in which work he was quite competent, imparting readily, clearly and concisely to others the knowledge that he had gained. Later he came to the McNelly store as a partner, joining his brother Warren McNelly in the ownership and conduct of the business in 1891. Upon its incorporation in 1907, he was made vice president of the company and is now devoting his energies to administrative direction and executive control.

Mr. McNelly was married to Miss Elizabeth Clappert, who was born near Brookville, Ohio, and they have become parents of three children: Nanna Bell, who is a graduate of the Mount Morris University and of the Cincinnati University and is now a student of medicine; Alston Ellis, now of the University of Cincinnati; and Catherine Elizabeth. The family is well known in this community and the hospitality of the best homes is freely accorded them, which indicates their prominent social position.

JOHN C. REEVE, M. D.

When the history of Dayton and her public men shall have been written its pages will bear no more illustrious name nor record a more distinguished career than that of Dr. John C. Reeve. If "biography is the home aspect of history," as Wilmott has expressed it, it is certainly within the province of true history to commemorate and perpetuate the lives of those men whose careers have been of signal usefulness and honor to the state, and in this connection it is not only compatible but imperative that mention be made of Dr. Reeve who for many years has figured as one of the most distinguished physicians of Dayton, where he is now living at the age of eighty-three years.

He was born in England, June 5, 1826, and in 1832 was brought by his parents to the new world, the family home being established in Cleveland. When twelve years of age he entered upon an apprenticeship at the printer's trade and for several years worked on the Cleveland Advertiser and Herald. During this period he devoted all his time not occupied by office duties to study that he might expand his mental horizon and lay a foundation for usefulness in broad, general information. Subsequently he turned his attention to the profession of teaching and afterward took up the study of medicine under Dr. John Delamanter, pro-

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fessor of obstetrics in the medical department of the Western Reserve College of Cleveland. He began practice in 1849 in Dodge county, Wisconsin. Later he spent one year in Europe, in London and Germany, where he pursued his studies under the direction of some of the most renowned physicians and surgeons of the old world.

It was in the year 1854 that Dr. Reeve came to Dayton and now for more than a half century he has practiced continuously in this city. In 1861 he was elected professor of materia medica and therapeutics in the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati. He would have removed to that city had not the breaking out of the war changed all plans. This connection lasted therefore but one year, and he returned to Dayton, where he has since resided. He has always been recognized as one of the leading surgeons of the country. Even medical practice has not made such rapid advancement as has surgical work, for investigation and research have brought to light knowledge that enables a surgeon to perform work that is nothing short of marvelous. In fact many operations that are performed seem almost miraculous to the laity. With all the work of progress Dr. Reeve had been in touch and has not only been a follower but has at times been a leader in professional service and original work in this line. He performed the operation of tracheotomy on a little girl, remarkable as being the largest foreign body ever removed. The operation is fully described in Gross' Surgery. He displayed remarkable skill and precision in all of his surgical work. He was an early operator in abdominal surgery, having performed ovariotomy as early as 1872. His skill as a surgeon was widely recognized by the profession as well as by the general public. He has also occupied a foremost place in the ranks of the physicians and surgeons, not only of Dayton but of Ohio as well. He has been honored with the presidency of the Montgomery County Medical Society and of the Ohio State Medical Society. He also holds membership in the Ohio State Medical Society, and the American Genealogical Society, of which he was one of the founders. He was made an honorary fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. He was in former years, a frequent contributor to medical journals and his writings attracted much attention at home and were noticed abroad. When the Sisters of St. Francis came to Dayton in 1876, and established a little hospital with twelve beds, on Franklin street, Dr. Reeve was called upon to form a medical and surgical staff. This he did and for thirty-four years was president of the staff. He was adviser to the Sisters and aided to the best of his ability, in the growth of that noble institution to its present magnificent proportions.

On the 10th of August, 1849, Dr. Reeve was married to Miss Emma G. Barlow, of Cleveland, and unto them have been born four children: Charlotte E., now Mrs. Frank Conover; John C., Jr., a surgeon; Mary S., now Mrs. R. E. Dexter; and Sidney A., a mechanical engineer.

In social circles Dr. Reeve has been as prominent and honored as he is in his professional connections. Throughout his entire life he has been actuated by high ideals and his work in the world has made his career one of signal usefulness. He is honored as the oldest active representative of the medical fraternity in Dayton, but more for what he has accomplished for the benefit of his fellowmen. He has been actuated in all of his work by a broad humanitarian spirit as

well as a love of scientific research and the assistance which he has rendered in times of need to those unable to reward him in any substantial way classes him with the benevolent men of the city.

C. FRED WEINMAN.

The self-made man is practically a product of America, for in other countries where effort is hampered by caste or class the individual does not have the incentive or the chance to use his powers to the full extent. In America, however, where labor brings its just reward, there are thousands of men who have proved the forcefulness of their ability and the strength of their character in overcoming difficulties and obstacles and working their way steadily upward to success. Of this class Mr. Weinman is a worthy representative, for though he started out in business life at the early age of thirteen years and was therefore denied educational advantages which other youths receive, he has nevertheless made steady progress and today occupies a prominent position in the business world as president of the Franklin Building Association.

His birth occurred in Dayton, January 8, 1855, and as the name indicates he comes of German parentage, his father, Christopher Weinman, a native of Wurtemberg, arriving in America in 1853 when nineteen years of age and establishing his home in Dayton. Here he married Miss Barbara Werner, who was also a native of Wurtemberg, and they became the parents of eight children, of whom four are yet living: C. Fred; Christian J., a member of the firm of C. F. Weinman & Company; William C., assistant secretary of the Franklin Building Association; and Anna B., the wife of Adam Menges, of Dayton. In his native land the father learned the shoemaker's trade and in 1866 established a retail shoe store in Dayton, conducting the business successfully for fifteen years, after which he retired to private life, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. In 1899 he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 30th of March of that year, in the faith of the German Evangelical church, of which she had long been a consistent member. Mr. Weinman is also connected with that denomination.

In the public schools of Dayton C. Fred Weinman pursued his studies to the age of thirteen years and then made his initial step in the business world as an employe in the cotton factory of T. A. Phillips & Son, of Dayton, where he remained for about two years. On the expiration of that period he began learning the trade of carriage making in the employ of De Camp Brothers, with whom he remained for four years, during which time he became very proficient in that line. He next entered the employ of Murray & Ogier, carriage manufacturers, but after a brief period entered the service of W. W. Phillips as a wagon builder, continuing in his employ for eight years. He next occupied the position of foreman in the wheel works of Pinneo & Daniels, where he remained from 1881 until the 1st of February, 1887. His increased salary following his successive promotions and his careful expenditure up to this time brought him sufficient capital to enable him to engage in business on his own account and he turned his atten-

tion to the manufacture of wagons in partnership with W. F. Kramer under the firm style of Kramer & Weinman, which partnership continued until May, 1896, when Mr. Weinman withdrew and purchased an interest in the Pioneer Wagon Works. He has since been identified with this industry, which is one of considerable extent, its product having a large sale over a wide territory. Since engaging in business on his own account Mr. Weinman has made durability, excellence and trustworthy methods his source of advertisement and from the beginning has occupied an enviable position in business circles by reason of the straightforward policy he has pursued. Extending his efforts to other lines, he is now the president of the Franklin Building Association of Dayton and in this connection is conducting a profitable business.

On the 27th of May, 1879, occurred the marriage of Mr. Weinman to Miss Sophia C. Wiesmath, a daughter of the late George Wiesmath, of Dayton. They have become parents of three daughters: Emma C., now the wife of Harry Wolfrath, of Dayton; Mary, the wife of J. W. Davy, of this city; and Minnie C., the wife of Edward A. Wentz, also of Dayton.

Mr. Weinman and his wife attend St. Luke's Lutheran church and are well known socially, having an extended circle of warm friends. Mr. Weinman belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias fraternity, the Dayton Turners and the Owls. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and in 1896 and 1897 acted as a member of the board of public service. As the years have gone by he has not only proven his worth as a business man but also as a citizen in his advocacy and helpful support of various measures for the public good. His record in connection with the industrial life of Dayton is most commendable, his advance coming to him by reason of his close application, his unwearied industry and his firm purpose. Today he stands among the substantial representatives of business life in this city, his worth being widely acknowledged by all who know him.

WILLIAM SCHUEY MUNDHENK, M. D.

Dr. William Schuey Mundhenk, a prominent and successful physician of Brookville, is associated in practice with his son, Herbert Conner Mundhenk, under the style of Drs. W. S. & H. C. Mundhenk. His birth occurred in Pyrmont, Montgomery county, Ohio, on the 19th of August, 1851. The paternal grandfather, Daniel G. Mundhenk, who was born in Germany in 1777, wedded Miss Louisa Sprangel in 1803. On the 7th of July, 1807, he set sail for the new world in the ship "William P. Johnson," arriving at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on the 2d of December of the same year. When a young man he was a sailor in service upon whaling vessels and visited the Arctic ocean and Greenland. After retiring from a seafaring life he became a farmer and a mechanic. By his first wife, who died shortly after reaching Philadelphia, Mr. Mundhenk had two children, August and Louisa. For his second wife he married Maria Hagerman, by whom he had eight children, as follows: Daniel, Henry, Mary A., Michael Joseph, Charles, Frederick and John. Daniel G. Mundhenk settled in Mont-

gomery county in 1817 and founded the town of Pyrmont, laying it out on his own land, of which he had from five to six hundred acres. Upon this farm his second wife died, and for his third wife he married Margaret Hubler, by whom he had one child, Caroline. He was engaged in both farming and milling in Pyrmont, erecting both saw and grist mills early in the history of Montgomery county. He was well known and highly esteemed as a man of sterling character and a valued citizen. Early in life he was a Quaker but after reaching Ohio joined the United Brethren church, in the faith of which he passed away at the age of eighty-one years, his demise occurring in Pyrmont in 1859.

Frederick Mundhenk, father of Dr. W. S. Mundhenk, was born at Pyrmont on the 4th of July, 1818, being the first child born in the settlement. He was one of a family of fourteen children and his education was received in the common schools, while early in life he became familiar with the milling business, operating both saw and grist mills. He resided at Pyrmont during the greater portion of his life, where he was engaged in milling for many years and was well and widely known as a substantial and honored citizen. He was an industrious, hard-working and prosperous man, owning some five hundred acres of land. His political allegiance was given to the republican party, while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church, of which he was a liberal supporter. On the 3d of November, 1843, at Pyrmont, he wedded Miss Mary C. Hook, whose birth occurred in Rockingham county, Virginia, November 11, 1823, her parents being John and Ann (Chandler) Hook. The former, a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, was of English descent on his father's side and of German ancestry on the maternal side. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, being stationed for a time at Norfolk, Virginia. For some years he followed the harness and saddlery business in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and at an early day emigrated to Missouri, while about 1830 he located at Pyrmont, Ohio. He was twice married and by his first union had one child, Mary C. By his second wife he had two children, Uriah and Sarah. He was called to his final rest in 1869, when seventy-six years of age. Frederick Mundhenk, who was also twice married, had the following children by his first wife: James, who participated in the Civil war as a member of the One Hundred and Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; William S., of this review; and Minnie. By his second wife he had one son, Frederick.

William S. Mundhenk, whose name introduces this review, obtained his education in the public schools and then, having decided upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he began the study of the profession under the direction of Dr. J. R. Conner, a prominent physician of Montgomery county. He was graduated from the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati in 1876 and immediately began practice at Brookville, his skill and ability in the line of his chosen calling soon bringing him an extensive and lucrative patronage. He keeps in touch with the progress that is continually being made by the profession through his membership in the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Association and the American Medical Association and has an enviable reputation among his brethren of the fraternity. He is now serving as the vice president of the Citizens Banking Company and has long been numbered among the most prosperous, progressive and esteemed residents of his native county.

In 1872 Dr. Mundhenk was united in marriage to Miss Emma Conner, who was born in 1853, her parents being Dr. J. R. and Mary (Cusick) Conner. The father, a native of Maryland, removed to Clinton county, Ohio, in early manhood and in 1851 came to Montgomery county, locating in Pyrmont, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine until 1872. He was widely recognized as a prominent representative of the medical profession and during the last ten years of his life practiced in Brookville, dying there in 1882, at the age of fifty-three years. His children were as follows: Emma, Eberle, Flora and Rose. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Mundhenk have been born two children: Herbert Conner; and Miriam, whose birth occurred in 1898. In his political views the Doctor is a stalwart republican, while fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias. He has now been engaged in practice in Brookville for a third of a century, manifesting at all times a close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics, and if patronage is any criterion of ability he ranks high among the leading physicians of the county.

Herbert Conner Mundhenk, who is associated in practice with his father, was born in Brookville in 1877. He supplemented his preliminary education, obtained in the city schools, by a course in the Ohio State University at Columbus, from which institution he was graduated in 1899. Subsequently he entered the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and upon completing the course there in 1902 he at once joined his father in practice, in which connection he has since remained an active and successful representative of the medical profession. Like his father, he is a worthy member of the Montgomery County Medical Society and the American Medical Association. His fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias and the Masons. In 1904 he was united in marriage to Miss June Jenks, of Greenville, Ohio, by whom he has two children, William J. and Marian.

EUGENE G. KENNEDY.

Eugene G. Kennedy, attorney at law of Dayton, was born on a farm in Harrison township, Montgomery county, Ohio, October 27, 1874, the home place being known as Maple Grove. There he was reared amid the environments of agricultural life and in his early youth pursued his education in the district schools. Later, however, he attended a private school in Dayton and in further pursuit of an education entered Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. With a good literary education to serve as a basis for professional knowledge, he took up the study of law the same year in Dayton and after three years preliminary reading was admitted to the bar in June, 1898. Later he entered into partnership with his brother, G. C. Kennedy, and H. L. Munger and practiced as a member of the well known law firm of Kennedy, Munger & Kennedy, until the death of Grafton C. Kennedy, when the name was changed to Munger & Kennedy. He belongs to the Phi Kappa Psi college fraternity but his attention is largely given to his profession to the exclusion of club and fraternal interests.

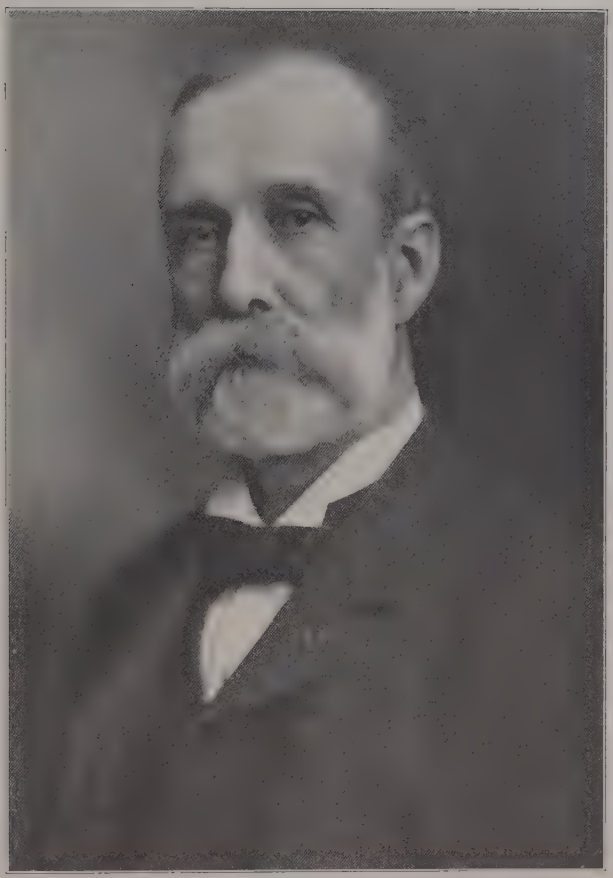
On July 7, 1904, Mr. Kennedy was married to Miss Mabel Manwaring, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and has three children: Thomas Gilbert, born April 16, 1905; Alice, born October 14, 1906; and Frances, born July 3, 1908. Mr. Kennedy still resides on the old farm which has been in the possession of his family for over one hundred years, and takes his greatest pleasure in the conducting of it, and also other farms which they own.

SAMUEL WATTS DAVIES.

Honored and respected by all, there is no man who occupies a more enviable position in financial and commercial circles in Dayton than Samuel Watts Davies, whose business activities have covered a wide scope and who through well directed labor has attained notable success. He is now president of the Dayton National Bank, has for many years been a prominent representative of the lumber trade in this city and is identified with various commercial enterprises which are a factor in Dayton's growth, development and prosperity as well as in his individual success.

Born in this city on the 9th of Mary, 1838, he is indebted to its educational institutions for the early training which he received. After pursuing his studies for some years in the public schools he entered the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and was graduated with the class of 1859. Soon afterward he took up the study of law but his eyesight became impaired and he turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits in Montgomery county, being thus identified with farming interests until he entered the Union army in August, 1861, in response to the country's call for aid. He was assigned to duty as second lieutenant of Company C, First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and adjutant in 1862. He had served from the fall of 1861 on the staff of General A. McD. McCook. In 1863 Mr. Davies was commissioned captain of his company and when in the fall of that year his colonel, E. A. Parrott, was made provost marshal of Ohio, Captain Davies was made his acting adjutant general and so served until 1864, when he resigned and left the army. He had participated in the battles of Shiloh, Perryville and Stone River but was never wounded or captured.

On leaving the service in 1864, Captain Davies returned to Dayton, and has since been a factor in the business interests of the city. In 1868 he became connected with the lumber trade and has since been a representative of that department of commercial enterprise. He is recognized today as one of the best informed lumbermen of the state on all matters relating to the trade and in the course of years has developed an enterprise of extensive proportions. His resourceful ability has also led him into other business connections. He became a stockholder and in 1876 was elected to the directorate of the Dayton National Bank, while in 1900 he was chosen its president after serving for some years as its vice president. He is a director of the Malleable Iron Company of Dayton, of the Dayton Savings & Trust Company, of the Columbia Insurance Company, of the National Cash Register Company and is president of the Davies Building



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Company. All of these enterprises have profited by his cooperation and wise counsel, for in all things his business judgment is sound and his discernment keen.

Mr. Davies has also figured prominently and helpfully in connection with semi-public interests, being a trustee of the Woodland cemetery, of the Dayton public library and of the Women's Christian Association. He was for several years president of the board of education and for nine or ten years was a member of the city tax commission. He is also serving as a member of the board of trustees of the Third Street Presbyterian church, to which he has long belonged. He likewise holds membership relations with the Loyal Legion and with Old Guard Post, G. A. R. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but at no time has he had desire for public office.

In 1871, in Dayton, Mr. Davies was united in marriage to Miss Eliza P. Howard, a daughter of John Howard, and unto them have been born three children: John H.; Edward W.; and Mary D., the wife of H. R. Daniels. Mrs. Davies died in 1884.

Mr. Davies has long occupied a prominent place in the regard of his fellow townsmen. He is one of the oldest native sons of the city, having for more than the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten been an interested witness of its growth and development, while in large measure he has contributed to its progress and substantial improvement. Not to know Samuel Watts Davies is almost to argue one's self unknown, and throughout the period of his manhood he has enjoyed an enviable reputation as a careful man of business, being widely known in his dealings for his prompt and honorable methods, which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen.

EARL WILBUR HELLER.

Among the younger residents of Montgomery county who are devoting their lives to the profession of teaching and by their efforts are promoting the educational interests of the county is Earl Wilbur Heller, a native of Ohio, born in Jefferson township, this county, September 18, 1888. His father, George H. Heller, is a native of Germany, his birth occurring March 25, 1851. When but two years of age he accompanied his parents to the United States and they settled in Montgomery county, Ohio, taking up their abode in Jefferson township, where Mr. Heller has since continued to reside. In 1874 he was joined in marriage to Miss Sarah Ann Eck, who was born January 10, 1849, and in their family are the following children: Harry Newton, John Milton, Edith Estella and Earl Wilbur. The parents are members of St. Jacob's Lutheran church of Miamisburg. The father has been a member of the Jefferson township school board at different times and is now one of the directors of the Jackson Township Mutual Fire Insurance Company, with which he has been connected for over eight years. He is well known and prominent in community affairs, being recognized as a representative citizen of the township, while his personal traits of character have gained for him the respect and esteem of all.

No event of special importance came to vary the daily routine of life for Earl Wilbur Heller, who spent the years of his boyhood and youth in his father's home. He acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of Jefferson township, graduating therefrom under the Patterson law in 1903. In the following autumn he entered Jefferson township high school, from which he was graduated with the class of 1908, and he at once began teaching in district No. 13, this township. Although but twenty-one years of age, Mr. Heller is nevertheless proving a capable and efficient instructor. He has never ceased to be a student but by thorough reading and research is constantly seeking to extend his knowledge. It is a widely acknowledged fact that the most important profession to which a man can direct his energies is that of teaching—a profession which has for its primary object the development of the latent powers in the young mind, that the duties of life may be bravely met and well performed, for it is in the youth that the life of the man is marked out, his future course decided and his choice as to the good or evil made. Recognizing the necessity and value of a most thorough and complete education, Mr. Heller is now contemplating pursuing a course of study in some good college in order to fit himself for advanced work in teaching.

WILLIAM ERNEST ALLAMAN, M. D.

Dr. William Ernest Allaman, who has successfully engaged in the practice of medicine in Dayton since 1903, was born in Butler township, Montgomery county, Ohio, March 8, 1872. He was reared upon the home farm to the age of twenty years, and no event of especial importance occurred to vary the routine of rural life, his time being divided between the work of the fields, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. After attending the country schools he continued his studies in the high school at Brookville, this county, and later entered the State University at Columbus, from which he was graduated in 1896 with the degree of Ph. G. Later he spent three years in the field for the Anti-Saloon League, after which he began preparation for the practice of medicine as a student in the Ohio Medical University at Columbus and completed the full course by graduation with the class of 1902.

Dr. Allaman put his theoretical training to the practical test by serving for a year and a half as interne in the Protestant Hospital in Columbus, which brought him broad and varied experience and well qualified him for the duties of private practice when in November, 1903, he came to Dayton and entered upon the active work of the profession in this city. He was not long in gaining a good patronage for he soon gave evidence of the fact that he was well qualified to cope with the complex and intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life. The medical fraternity also recognized his ability and his fellow practitioners entertained for him the highest regard because of his close conformity to professional ethics. In addition to a gratifying private practice he is acting as medical examiner for the Franklin Insurance Company of Springfield, Illinois. He keeps in touch with the advanced thought of the profession through his membership in the American

Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Dayton Academy of Medicine, and the Physicians' Business Club.

On the 29th of January, 1904, Dr. Allaman was married in Columbus to Miss Edna G. Gilbert, a daughter of John and Sarah Gilbert. They now have two interesting little children, J. Gilbert and David William.

In his fraternal relations Dr. Allaman is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the Junior Order of American Mechanics, and the Daughters of America. He likewise belongs to the Young Men's Christian Association and to the First United Brethren church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties. He is not unmindful of the obligations of citizenship, however, and his influence is always on the side of progress, reform and improvement, and his cooperation is helpfully given to matters pertaining to the intellectual and moral progress of the community.

HENRY B. GETTER.

The agricultural interests of Montgomery county find in Henry B. Getter a worthy representative. One of Ohio's native sons, he was born on the 9th of October, 1850, in Jefferson township, this county, on the farm where he now resides. His father, George Getter, was born in Pennsylvania in 1805 and in 1820 accompanied his parents to Ohio, where they located on the farm now in the possession of our subject. Here he met Miss Mary C. Wertz, a daughter of Daniel Wertz of Franklin, Ohio, and they were united in marriage in 1827. The children born to this union were eleven sons and two daughters, namely: John G., Daniel, George W., William, Jacob, Joseph, Peter, Samuel, Perry, Henry B., Albert, Sarah and Mary, all of whom attained mature years. The father devoted his entire life to farming interests and was a director of the county infirmary for a number of years and also township treasurer for many years.

Henry B. Getter, whose name introduces this sketch, acquired his education in the common schools of the neighborhood and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the cultivation of the fields. After laying aside his books he wisely decided to make the occupation to which he had been reared his life work and he has since been actively engaged in agricultural pursuits upon the old homestead farm, upon which his grandfather had settled in early pioneer days. It is a well improved property of one hundred and sixty acres and responds readily to the care and time expended upon it. He is up-to-date in his methods of conducting his business and his interests, carefully managed, are returning to him substantial annual profits.

Mr. Getter was united in marriage February 19, 1874, to Miss Louise Limebaugh, a daughter of John Limebaugh, residing in Frederick county, Maryland, and unto this union were born five daughters and two sons, namely: Cora, Florence, Catherine, Bessie, Effie, Herman C. and Carl V. Herman, the eldest

son, is a graduate of Miamisburg high school and at present is taking a course at Wittenberg College, at Springfield, Ohio. Carl has just completed a course at the Jefferson township high school in the spring of 1909. Mr. Getter and his wife have been members of the Lutheran church for over fifty-eight years, during which time he has filled many official offices and positions of trust in the church, at present acting in the capacity of trustee. They are people whose sterling traits of character have drawn to them an extensive circle of warm friends who hold them in high esteem. Modest and unassuming in manner, he nevertheless possesses those sturdy characteristics which command the respect and esteem of all with whom he is associated, while his salient qualities are in accord with the principles of honorable and upright manhood.

REV. D. FRANK GARLAND, D. D.

Rev. D. Frank Garland, D. D., pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran church and thus closely associated with the movement for moral progress and religious teaching in Dayton, was born on a farm in Perry county, Pennsylvania, July 10, 1864. His grandfather, John Garland, represented one of the old pioneer families of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was there born in 1790. Throughout his entire life he followed the occupation of farming in the county of his nativity, where his death occurred in 1865, when he had reached the seventy-fifth milestone on the journey of life. At the time of the second war with England he joined the American army and fought for the interests of this country.

His son, Daniel M. Garland, father of the Rev. D. Frank Garland, was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1826. At the time of the Civil war he served as a corporal of Company H, Seventh Pennsylvania Cavalry, enlisting in 1862. He was with that command until September 25, 1865, and in the interim participated in forty-five important engagements, including the Atlanta campaign and the campaign against Hood. While often in the thickest of the fight and found again and again on the firing line, he was never wounded or captured and when the war was over and victory perched upon the Union banners he gladly returned to his home and family. He had been married on the 28th of March, 1858, at Loysville, Pennsylvania, to Miss Elizabeth Kistler and unto them were born five children, of whom four reached mature years, while two are yet living, namely: John K., a druggist, residing in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Rev. Garland, of this review. Following his return from the war the father engaged in farming and in teaching, following that profession through twenty-five years. His wife died February 3, 1903, when seventy-eight years of age, while he survived until July 11, 1907, passing away in Dayton, Ohio, in the eighty-first year of his age.

Rev. D. Frank Garland spent his youthful days on his father's farm, there remaining to the age of twenty, his education being acquired in the country schools, while in the New Bloomfield Academy of Pennsylvania and in private study he prepared for college. He taught a public school in Perry county two

years from 1882 to 1884. Later he entered the freshman class of Gettysburg College and was graduated therefrom in 1888, winning second honors in every contest from freshman through the entire course. He was valedictorian of his class. He afterward devoted two years to teaching in the preparatory department of that school and then pursued a theological course in the Gettysburg Theological Seminary, from which he was graduated in June, 1891.

Having thus qualified for the work of the ministry, the Rev. Garland went to Baltimore, Maryland, to take charge of the Church of the Reformation, continuing his pastoral duties there for more than five years or until October, 1896, when he accepted a call from Trinity church at Taneytown, Maryland. His labors there continued until the 1st of May, 1899, when he came to Dayton as pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran church of this city. Here he has since continued, covering a period of ten years, and under his ministry the work of the church has been greatly advanced in many lines. The new house of worship was erected at a cost of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars and is one of the finest specimens of ecclesiastical architecture in the west, having been built in the old English-Gothic style and seating seven hundred people. The different departments of the church work are well organized and the congregation is faring forward not only in its numerical but also in its spiritual strength. He received the doctor's degree from his alma mater, Gettysburg College, in 1906.

Rev. Garland was united in the holy bonds of matrimony October 29, 1891, in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, to Miss Anna J. Comfort and they have one son, Charles Comfort, whose birth occurred February 5, 1895. Both Rev. and Mrs. Garland have an extensive circle of friends here and their home is the center of a cultured social circle. Rev. Garland belongs to the Phi Gamma Delta, a college fraternity, and is interested in all those lines of activity which indicate the trend of the world's progress or bear upon man's best development.

CHARLES A. FOX.

Among the residents of Germantown who are enjoying a well earned rest as the reward of earnest and persistent toil in former years is numbered Charles A. Fox, retired farmer, who is still the owner of a valuable tract of land of one hundred and three acres, situated near the Oxford road about three and a half miles west of the town in which he makes his home. He has always lived in Montgomery county, his birth having occurred in Miami township, on the 16th of February, 1856. His parents were George L. and Susannah (Manning) Fox. The former was a son of George and Elizabeth (Link) Fox. The grandfather of our subject was a planter and slave owner, who lived in Virginia near Harpers Ferry and was the first of the family to come into this section of Ohio. His son George Fox, Jr., was born in Warren county, Ohio, and followed the occupation of farming throughout his entire life. On leaving the place of his nativity he came to Montgomery county and cast in his lot among its early settlers, taking an active part in promoting its pioneer development and progress. Unto him and his wife were born eight children: David and Jennie, who are now de-

ceased; Washington; William; Wesley; Mary; Adam; and Perry. The last named is a resident of Dayton.

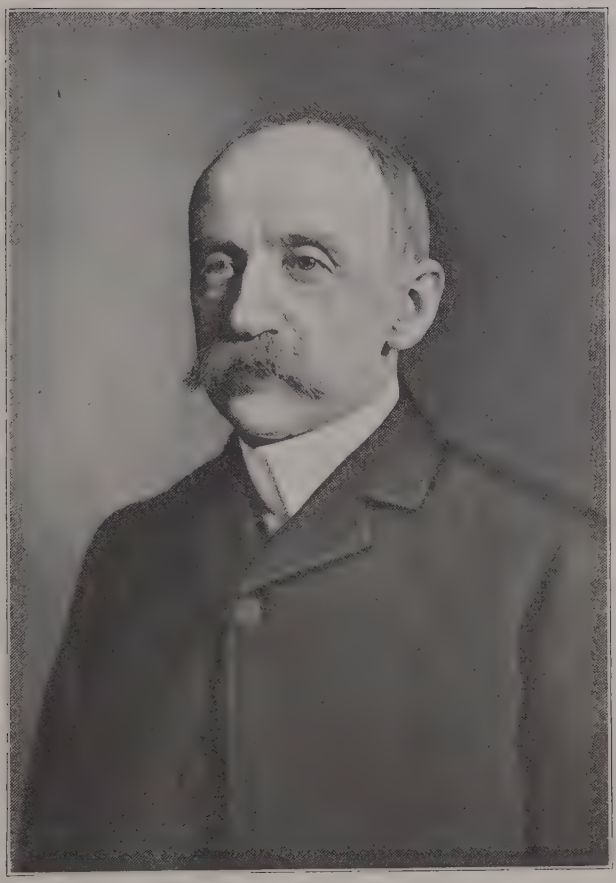
Charles A. Fox, reared under the parental roof, attended the schools of Miami township, thereby acquiring a good, practical education as a preparation for life's duties. He worked on the farm during the school period and early acquainted himself with the best methods of tilling the soil and caring for the crops. Having arrived at years of maturity he made arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage in 1879 to Miss Ella Shinn, a daughter of William and Deborah (Anderson) Shinn. Her father was born near Cincinnati and was a son of Asa Shinn. He spent his entire life in Ohio and was well know as a representative farmer and large landowner. The Anderson family came to this state from New Jersey and were among the first settlers in Clermont county, where the grandfather of Mrs. Fox was known as a prominent and influential citizen, wielding a wide influence in public affairs. He had reached the age of ninety-three years at the time of his demise. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Fox have been born five children: Emma, the wife of William Robinson, by whom she has one son, Amos; Amos, who is living on the home farm and who married Ella Humbert, by whom he has two children, Luella and Bessie; Herbert, who married Clara Ankeney and has a daughter, Johanna; Elizabeth, who is living at home with her father; and Maggie, the wife of Calvin Ankeney, a resident of Montgomery county.

While rearing his family, Charles A. Fox resided upon a farm and was widely known as one of the leading agriculturists and stock-raisers of this part of the county. He brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, added to his place many modern improvements and became one of the best known farmers of this part of the state, his diligence and enterprise constituting the salient features in a business career that won him substantial success. Mr. Fox belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge at Springboro and has many friends among his brethren of that fraternity, while in business life and social circles he has won the high regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

ROBERT IRVIN CUMMIN.

The activities of Robert Irvin Cummin left their impress upon the commercial, social and religious life of Dayton to an unusual degree and who can estimate the benefits that arise from the labors of one whose business enterprise is well balanced by broad humanitarianism and who in all of his intense and well directed mercantile interests ever recognized and utilized the opportunity to work for the city's welfare and progress as well as for individual success. He was born in Liverpool, Perry county, Pennsylvania, July 7, 1845.

His parents were Dr. William and Mary (Hart) Cummin. The father was a native of Ireland and the mother was of Scotch-Irish descent, although her birth occurred in Tuscarora valley, Pennsylvania. Dr. William Cummin was a physician of marked ability and wide reputation. He was educated for the profession in the schools of Edinburgh, Scotland; Belfast Institute in Ireland; and in



ROBERT I. CUMMIN

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He practiced his profession in Pennsylvania and died in 1846 at the early age of forty-two. His widow long survived him and passed away in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, at the advanced age of eighty-six years.

Their son, Robert I. Cummin, came to Ohio as a young man of seventeen years, spending the succeeding three years as an employe in a dry-goods store in Marion. He then removed to Dayton and accepted a position in the store of Prugh & Rike who were then conducting an extensive dry-goods business. His connection with that firm terminated after two years when the firm of D. L. Rike & Company was formed, in which S. E. Kumler and Robert I. Cummin became the junior partners. This firm carried on a prosperous business for more than twenty-five years and then a reorganization took place under the name of the Rike Dry Goods Company with Mr. Rike as the president and Mr. Cummin as the vice president. Following the death of the first officer in 1895 Mr. Cummin succeeded to the presidency and held that position until his own demise on the 30th of August, 1907. During all of these years he was an indefatigable worker, alert to grasp every new and practical idea, and quick to advance every right policy that promised either to promote the interest of his business or to conserve the public good. He was the originator of the plans upon which the present business block of the Rike Dry Goods Company was constructed and to his wise foresight and his faith in Dayton may be attributed a large share of credit for the gratifying growth of the general dry-goods industry in this city.

While thus engaged in building up a splendid mercantile establishment Mr. Cummin had not been unmindful of his obligations and duties to the public as a citizen. He zealously supported many movements for the general good and various public projects benefited by his wise judgment. He was a member of the company which constructed the Fifth Street railroad in Dayton and was for many years one of its directors and a factor in bringing about its success. He was also largely instrumental in procuring the state legislation which made all the pikes of the county free to the use of the public without the imposition of tolls, while his interest in the promotion of good roads was actively manifest in many practical ways, placing him among the pioneers in support of that movement in Ohio. He was likewise one of the organizers of the original Board of Trade of Dayton and served on a number of its most important committees. Every movement which was a matter of civic virtue and civic pride received his endorsement and he was equally interested in matters of national progress.

On the 15th of June, 1881, Mr. Cummin was united in marriage to Miss Ellen P. Church, a daughter of Judge Gaylord Church, of Meadville, Pennsylvania. They became the parents of four children: Gaylord, Edith, Hart and Pearson, all of whom survive the husband and father. Mr. Cummin was devoted to the welfare of his family, counting no personal sacrifice or effort on his part too great if it would promote the happiness and welfare of the members of his own household.

While extensive and important business enterprises claimed the attention of Mr. Cummin he was ever mindful of his obligations to the church and those forces which work for the moral development of the community. He held membership in Christ Episcopal church, for twelve years served as one of its vestry-

men and at his death had been for a decade the treasurer of that parish. At the time of his death the church passed the following resolutions:

"In the removal from their midst of Robert Irvin Cummin, who has been summoned to his eternal rest, his associates in the Vestry of Christ church, for themselves, the parish and the diocese, desire to place upon record their sense of the immeasurable loss thus sustained.

"For twelve years he has been with us as a vestryman, and in the twelve years he is the only member removed by death. An innate gentleman, of good judgment, earnest, ever ready for service, always cheerful and optimistic, we shall in our meetings greatly miss the inspiration of his genial presence.

"The twelve years during which he has been a member of the Vestry, have been the most prosperous in the history of Christ Church parish. We shall be constantly reminded of Mr. Cummin, for he has had an intimate connection with everything that has been done in the parish during this time. To his efforts is due the financing and erection of St. John's mission building on Findlay street.

"Our congregation will miss him sadly, for he rarely failed attending services, and at the social gatherings of the parish, he was always present with a cheerful, pleasant greeting for every one.

"In his domestic life Mr. Cummin was a pattern. To Mrs. Cummin, daughter and sons, we tender our fullest and sincere sympathy.

J. Lane Reed,
Horace Bonner,
J. Russell Johnston,
Committee.

"The memorial of the Vestry expresses the heartfelt sentiment of all of us. His death is a personal loss to us all because Mr. Cummin was a loyal friend to all. The best tribute we know is the universal sorrow of his acquaintances."

Mr. Cummin was interested at all times in the measures and movements which were factors in the upbuilding of the community, or contributed to the public needs. Speaking of one of these connections a local paper said: "As a member of the board of directors of the Miami Valley hospital he proved himself most invaluable; because of his broad charity, his unfeigned sympathy and his many sterling qualities of mind and heart, he contributed not a little to the development and beneficence of this institution. His presence will be missed in the meetings of the directors and his wise counsel will no longer be a potent factor in shaping the interests and directing the affairs of an institution in which he was so deeply interested because of its benefits and blessings to our common humanity."

One of the Dayton papers in comment upon the life of Mr. Cummin said: "He has been so long identified with the business, commercial, social and religious interests of this city as to give him unusual prominence in all active circles in this community. Having a high appreciation of his responsibilities as a citizen, he was uninterruptedly interested in the creation and development of everything which promised to propagate and perpetuate the happiness and prosperity of others and the advancement of the city he had selected as a home. Possessed of most admirable moral and mental equilibrium, conservative and enterprising,

his influence always radiated throughout the circles within which he moved and touched the boundary lines with so much self-assertive yet modest energy and power as to make him an important factor in the determination of momentous and vital matters. He was scrupulously consistent in all things appealing to either his head or his heart; a man of unquestioned integrity and unyielding rectitude, a courteous, polished gentleman, identified with movements which gave an upward trend to his own life and contributed to the cultivation of the best things in the lives of others."

JACOB BENTON GROBY.

Jacob Benton Groby, who was formerly actively and successfully identified with the building interests of Montgomery county, conducting an extensive business of this character in Miamisburg, is now living retired on his fine farm of eighty acres on the Cincinnati and Dayton pike. His birth occurred in Miamisburg, Ohio, on the 12th of August, 1855, his parents being David and Eliza Ann (Warner) Groby. His paternal grandparents were Henry and Catharine (Beck) Groby. The former, a native of Germany, took up his abode in Berks county, Pennnsylvania, after coming to this country and subsequently made his way to Montgomery county, Ohio. His oldest brother, Jacob Groby, was the first representative of the family in this county. Jacob Warner, the maternal grandfather of our subject, who was likewise a native of Germany, became one of the first settlers in this county.

David Groby, the father of Jacob Benton Groby, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, on the 17th of May, 1824, and obtained his education in the Keystone state. He was a young man of seventeen years on his arrival in Montgomery county, Ohio, and on entering business life took up carpentering and contracting, eventually becoming recognized as one of the most extensive builders in Miamisburg. He was one of the county's most respected and best known citizens and his demise, which occurred on the 17th of January, 1908, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. His family numbered five children, as follows: William H., who is now deceased; Mrs. Sarah Brehm, a widow residing in Miamisburg, Ohio; Amanda, who has likewise passed away; Jacob Benton, of this review; and Eliza, deceased.

Jacob B. Groby obtained his education in the schools of his native town and in early manhood learned the carpenter's trade under the direction of his father. He conducted a successful and profitable business as a contractor throughout his active career and owned a planing mill in Miamisburg in association with his father. On severing his connection with building interests he took up his abode on his present farm of eighty acres and is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned ease, leaving the active work of the fields to his son, Mark G. Groby.

On the 23rd of November, 1876, Mr. Groby was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Goudy, a daughter of T. B. and Lucetta (Hoover) Goudy. Her father was one of the well known and highly esteemed residents of Miamisburg and a man of prominence in public affairs, at one time serving as county auditor. Mr. and

Mrs. Groby are the parents of two children. Clara Lucetta is the wife of J. Allen Kauffman and has three children: Thomas Benton; Russell Groby and Allene. Mark G., a young man of nineteen years, has completed his education and now devotes his time and energies to the cultivation and improvement of his father's farm with excellent results.

Fraternally Mr. Groby is identified with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 18, of Miamisburg, and the Senior Order of United American Mechanics at that place, in both of which organizations he has filled all of the chairs. He is likewise a thirty-second degree Mason, belonging to the blue lodge, the chapter and the Scottish Rite. The family are members of the Lutheran church and take an active interest in its work. Having lived in this county throughout his entire life, Mr. Groby is well and favorably known within its borders and that his career has ever been an upright and honorable one is indicated by the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his stanch friends and admirers. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Montgomery county and at all times he is ready to lend his aid and cooperation to any movement calculated to promote the general welfare.

ANDREW WILFRED EICHELBERGER.

Andrew W. Eichelberger is known in business circles of Dayton as a member of the firm operating under the name of T. D. Eichelberger Sons, as dealers in cement, lime, etc. He was born in this city, February 12, 1852, his father being Theobald D. Eichelberger, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1821. He spent the first twenty-five years of his life in the state of his nativity and in 1846 came to Dayton where for a time he engaged in the cooperage business, while later he turned his attention to house painting, in which he continued until he became a representative of the lime and cement trade in this city in 1869. Subsequently he extended the scope of his business to include builders' supplies and established an important and growing enterprise. At the time of the Civil war he was a stanch advocate of the Union's cause, but was physically incapacitated for active service with the army. In his fraternal relations he was an Odd Fellow and both he and his wife were life-long members and active workers in the First Lutheran church. He was married in Greene county, Ohio, in 1850, to Miss Melinda Wolf, a daughter of John W. Wolf, and unto them were born two sons, Andrew W. and John W.

The elder brother, spending his boyhood days in his parents' home, was sent at the usual age to the public schools wherein he pursued his studies through consecutive grades. Later he took a course with the Miami Commercial College and when he had thus qualified for the practical and responsible duties of a business career he joined his father, who had previously established business as a dealer in lime and builders' supplies. He was put in charge of a branch house in Springfield, Ohio, in 1876, and there remained until 1882 when the branch store was closed out and he returned to Dayton. Here he became a partner of his father and of his brother, John W. Eichelberger, under the firm style of T. D. Eichelberger Sons.

In 1879 A. W. Eichelberger was married in Springfield, Ohio, to Miss Josephine M. Hamilton and they have two sons, John Lee, who is a Scottish Rite Mason of the thirty-second degree; and Charles Hamilton.

In his fraternal relations Andrew W. Eichelberger is an Odd Fellow. His religious faith is indicated by his attendance in the Lutheran church and his political views are manifest in the stalwart support which he gives to the men and measures of the republican party.

John W. Eichelberger, the junior partner of the firm, was born in Dayton in 1854 and his early experiences were similar to those of his brother. He married Miss Milly Gilbert and unto them were born two sons, Gilbert and Pearl. The mother of A. W. and John W. Eichelberger is still living and yet makes her home in Dayton. Like the others of the family, John W. Eichelberger is a Lutheran, belonging to the first church of that denomination in Dayton, and in his lodge relations he is connected with the Odd Fellows and the Elks. He, too, votes with the republican party but neither brother desires nor seeks public office as they prefer to give their undivided attention to business affairs which, capably conducted, are bringing to them a substantial measure of prosperity. They have built up an excellent trade in the line which they handle and if success depends upon unremitting energy and reliable business methods they will long continue on the road to prosperity.

FRANK J. McCORMICK.

Frank J. McCormick, proprietor of the Dayton Supply Company, conducting a wholesale business in plumbers' supplies, is numbered among the worthy citizens that the Emerald isle has furnished to the new world. His birth occurred in County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1843, and in 1848 he was brought to America by his widowed mother, the family home being established in Boston, Massachusetts, where they remained for about two years. The family then removed to Sandusky, Ohio, and remained there until 1855.

On the 9th of January, 1855, Mr. McCormick arrived in Dayton, being then a youth of twelve years. He started in business life as a newsboy on what was then the Indiana Central Railroad but is now a part of the Panhandle system and, after being employed in that way for a time, he secured a position as fireman on a locomotive. That he was capable and faithful in that capacity is indicated by the fact that he was promoted to engineer on the 26th of October, 1863, being then a month less than twenty years of age. He remained as a locomotive engineer for fourteen years, a part of that time with the Mad River & Lake Erie Railroad and afterward with the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton road. In 1876 he left the road and turned his attention to the business of dealing in plumbing and steam heating supplies in Dayton in connection with M. J. Gibbons under the firm style of Gibbons & McCormick. This partnership existed until December, 1889, and was then dissolved, since which time Mr. McCormick has conducted a wholesale business in plumbers' supplies under the name of the Dayton Supply Company.

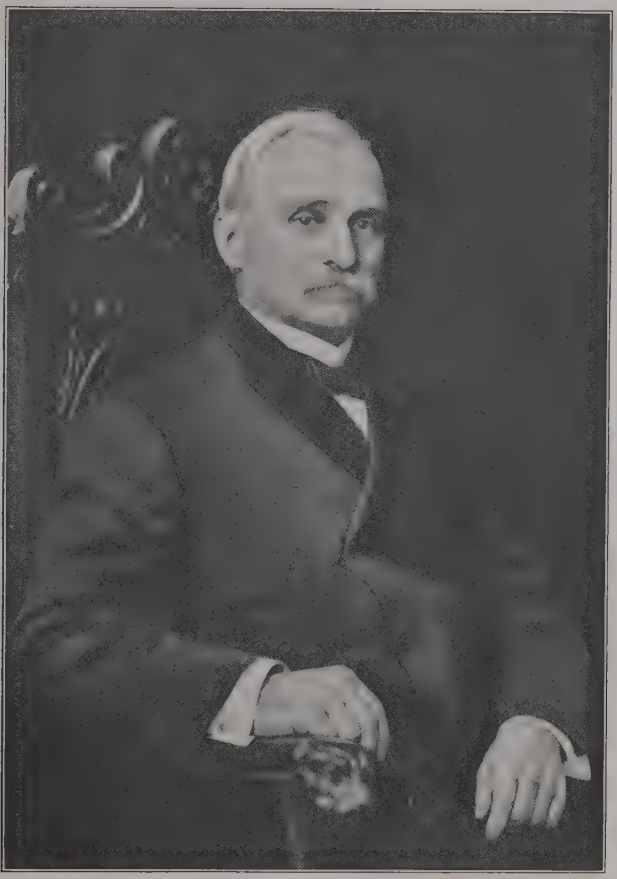
He also manufactures some specialties in his line and now has a trade which makes his enterprise a very profitable and satisfactory one.

In 1870 Mr. McCormick was married to Miss Bridget Gibbons and they have three living children: Frank J.; Elizabeth, the wife of John C. Baggott, of Dayton; and Nellie Gibbons McCormick. Mr. McCormick and his wife are communicants of Sacred Heart church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Dayton City Club. In politics he is an independent democrat. While he usually supports the principles of democracy he does not consider himself bound by party ties, preferring to reserve for himself the right to form his own conclusions regarding the advisability of any course of political action. He has served for two terms in the Dayton city council and was for a number of years a trustee of the Dayton Hospital for the Insane. In all matters of citizenship he is progressive, seeking the public welfare rather than personal aggrandizement and desiring the substantial progress of the community at large rather than the promotion of partisan measures. In a review of his life we note many commendable traits aside from the fact that he started out in the world for himself at a very early age. His diligence and adaptability have been the cause of his continuous rise and today he is numbered among the business men of substantial worth in his adopted city.

SAMUEL FLETCHER GEORGE, M. D.

It is difficult to characterize in a few words or even sentences the work of such a man as Dr. Samuel Fletcher George. Watching him in a round of professional calls one might feel that his entire attention was concentrated upon that work, and it is well known that he is an able physician. He is, however, just as successful and just as capable in various lines of business, is active in political and fraternal circles and, moreover, keeps abreast with the best thinking men of the age, thoroughly versed at all times on questions of vital import to the general public. In short, he is a dynamic force in whatever he undertakes and possesses much of the spirit of the initiative, so that he has become a leader in many lines of activity.

A native of Elmira, New York, Dr. George was born February 16, 1843, and is of Welsh lineage, the family being founded in America by his grandfather, Lemuel George, who left the little rock-ribbed country of Wales after having learned the tanner's trade and married in that land. Arriving in the United States, he located at Utica, New York, where for many years he owned and conducted an extensive tannery, accumulating thereby a substantial fortune. His religious views were in accord with the Episcopal faith. His family numbered one son and a daughter, Lemuel and Margaret. The former was born in Utica, New York, in February, 1799, and after receiving a collegiate training became a minister of the Methodist church, devoting his life to that holy calling as pastor of churches in Albany, Seneca Falls, Ithaca, Geneva, Elmira, Horseheads, Corning, Bath, Syracuse and other New York cities. He was recognized as one of the prominent divines of his denomination, possessing a notable gift



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of oratory added to inspiring zeal and unfaltering consecration to his work. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rhosilla Lowell, was born in Haverhill, Massachusetts, in 1801, and was a daughter of Simon and Cynthia Lowell and a cousin of James Russell Lowell. Her mother was Cynthia Stone, a sister of the mother of General Benjamin Butler, and through the Stone family Dr. George was a cousin of President Arthur. The marriage of Rev. George and Rhosilla Lowell occurred in Auburn, New York. The former spent his last days in retirement and passed away at Seneca Falls, New York, July 15, 1872. His widow survived him for two decades, dying in Buffalo, New York in February, 1892. Their sons and daughters were William L., Henry S., Edward and Edwin (twins), Melvina C., Horace C., Elizabeth E., J. Russell, Charles W., Mary H., Samuel F. and Francis W.

The itinerancy of the Methodist ministry caused the residence of the George family in Elmira, Corning, Horseheads and Syracuse, New York, during the youthful days of Dr. George, who was a public school student to the age of fifteen and then entered Knoxville Academy in Steuben county, New York. Later he became a high school student in Syracuse, during which period he lived with an uncle who was a minister. About two weeks after Fort Sumter was fired upon he obtained money from his uncle and returned to his parents' home in Elmira with the intention of joining the army, but he was only eighteen years of age and his father would not consent to his becoming a soldier. He had had some military training and was a natural tactician, so that it was not long before he was employed by the state to drill recruits, thus spending the year 1861. In the spring of 1862 he organized a company, entered the service as major, his enlistment papers having been made out early in the year, but it was not until August that his father reluctantly signed them. His command became a part of the Fiftieth Regiment of New York Engineers and Major George was on detail duty at Syracuse until December, 1862, when he left for the front and five days later was under fire at Fredericksburg. He was then with the Army of the Potomac until the surrender of Lee, his regiment building all bridges and throwing all pontoons for the army. While he was frequently in the range of the enemies' bullets and his clothing was often perforated thereby, he never was wounded and in May, 1865, was mustered out at Fort Barry, Virginia.

For a brief period after the war Dr. George was located in Elmira, New York, and then entered upon the study of medicine in Syracuse, where he remained for about three years. Later he was graduated from the Reformed College at Macon, Georgia, but in 1869 gave up the study of medicine to accept a clerkship in a wholesale tobacco and cigar house in Syracuse at a salary of twelve dollars per week. That his ability and fidelity were at once recognized is indicated by the fact that thirty days later he was head clerk and participated in the management of the business. A year later he resigned his position to engage in the grocery business in order to save money he had loaned to a merchant in that line. Sixty days later, however, the grocery firm failed and he lost all. The firm had an indebtedness of twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars but in the following year Dr. George liquidated the entire amount. It was during that period that he also took up the study of law and was admitted to practice.

The business instinct has always been strong within him and he has in large measure that quality which, for want of a better term, has been called "commercial sense." He gained a second start by purchasing a lot in Syracuse and with borrowed money erecting thereon a handsome residence, which he sold at a good profit. With the money thus acquired he met the expenses of a course in Hobart College, from which he was graduated in 1873, it being his intention at the beginning of his college course to enter the ministry. Following his graduation, however, he began the publication of a paper, the Anti-Monopolist, at Buffalo, New York; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Richmond, Virginia; with headquarters at Buffalo, and while thus engaged he also published the Buffalo Sunday Transcript. In 1875 he disposed of the latter and removed to Philadelphia, becoming general manager of the Philadelphia Evening Chronicle, in which position he continued for six months, during which time he canceled an indebtedness of eighty thousand dollars against the plant and sold the paper with a profit of twenty-five thousand dollars to the proprietors. It was at that time that he suggested the plan of a morning newspaper to Mr. McClure and Mr. McLaughlin and other newspaper men, which resulted in the organization of the Philadelphia Morning Times, of which he became manager. In 1876 he began the publication of the Camden (New Jersey) Tribune, a morning paper, which he sold three months later. This terminated his active connection with journalism and in Philadelphia he resumed the practice of medicine. In 1877 he went to York, Pennsylvania, where he continued in practice for a year, after which he was a member of the medical fraternity in Buffalo until 1882, since which time he has been numbered among the prominent representatives of the profession in Dayton. He was graduated from the Eclectic Medical College of Cincinnati in 1886 and at all times has been interested in professional advancement, quickly discerning that which is essential in the work of the medical fraternity.

Moreover, Dr. George has been very prominent in business enterprises of the city, including the National Medicine Case Company, of which he is president. In 1900 he set on foot a movement toward building and equipping the Cincinnati, Dayton & Fort Wayne Railroad, an electric third rail system, one hundred and ninety-four miles in length. In 1903 a company was organized with a capital stock of one million dollars and an authorized capitalization of twelve and one-half millions. In that year Dr. George was chosen president and general manager of the company and so continues to the present time, his efforts being a potent factor in furthering the interests of the project which has become a profitable enterprise.

Not alone in the line of his profession has Dr. George been a wide student. He is a deep thinker and logical reasoner and has carried his investigations far and wide into the realms of general and scientific knowledge. All those questions which are a matter of vital interest to statesmen and to men of affairs are familiar to him. He has been a close student of political, social and economical problems and has frequently addressed large audiences on the subject of social economy and other questions that have agitated public thought. He has never been a follower, but ever a leader in lines of advancement and never has he hesitated to express his honest opinions, his position at no time being an equivocal

one. He gave stalwart allegiance to the republican party until 1880, when he joined the greenback labor party. He afterward affiliated with the democratic party until 1892 and then allied his interests with the people's party. During the campaign of 1896 he worked earnestly for the support of the principles in which he believed and was also one of the effective campaign workers in 1908.

In May, 1875, Dr. George was married to Miss Elizabeth A. Abbott, a native of Philadelphia and a daughter of Hezekiah Abbott, a contractor and builder of that city. They became parents of a daughter and two sons: Charlotte Cecelia, who was married in Covington, Ohio, to Richard R. Deaver; Benjamin Butler, who was married in Dayton to Beatrice Jewell, a daughter of George Jewell; and Wilbur Van Buzkirk, who was born April 2, 1884, and was drowned January 8, 1898.

In his fraternal relations Dr. George is popular, holding membership with the Masons, Odd Fellows, the Ancient Order of United Workmen and the Grand Army of the Republic. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Episcopal church. Perhaps no better summary of his work or indication of his salient characteristics can be given than in quoting from the Bulletin of Commerce which, in a mention of Dr. George, said: "He is a self-made man, so to speak, and his associates have the conviction that his maker had a strong element of wisdom. He is popular with all classes of men, especially with the laborer, for whom he would broaden the opportunities of productive industry. He is absolutely free from a desire for private gain at the expense of the public or at the cost of a neighbor. If he represents a constituency or an interest he regards them as a trust as sacred as the inheritance of orphanage. He has developed abilities of a high order and knows how to employ them to the advantage of every honorable undertaking. He is as decisive in his conviction as he is just, and yet he is at once kind, gentle and always courteous among his associates. His broad views upon public questions and comprehension of the true policy of government render him a power in his state and his judgment of decided value to the nation. In business affairs he is deliberate, cool and decisive; is never frenzied with speculation, has no inclination to handle hot irons, nor is he blinded in the flash of bogus diamonds. His well known, also his indomitable spirit, conservative balance and progressive energy keep him in the 'limelight' of business or his profession. In the exercise of these qualities there is always 'something doing.' With ability as a guide, courage as a motor and industry as a balancing power, no obstacles creep in between him and success."

WILLIAM ROSS FUNK, D. D.

Rev. William Ross Funk, D. D., general manager of the United Brethren Publishing House, is of German-Swiss origin, his forefathers emigrating to the United States early in the seventeenth century. Three of the family served in the Revolutionary war under General Washington. Joseph Funk, his great-grandfather, left Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, soon after the Revolutionary war and settled in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, where he purchased one thousand

acres of land from the government. Upon this land Daniel Funk, a son of Joseph, lived and died. In a log cabin situated on a portion of this land Abraham Funk, the father of Dr. Funk, was born April 5, 1820. In 1845 he was married to Miss Catherine Zumbro and began their home life in the cabin in which the husband was born. To them eight children were born, the youngest of which was William Ross Funk who was born August 1, 1861.

Abraham Funk was a very successful business man, combining farming and stock raising and had a wide acquaintance and associaton with many of the leading men of western Pennsylvania and at the time of his death, December 31, 1879, was one of the most respected citizens of his native county. His mother, Catherine Zumbro Funk, was of pure German ancestry, both of her grandfathers emigrating from Germany. She was a woman of very deep piety and strong intellect, and especially devoted to the church of her choice, the United Brethren in Christ. Her mother was baptised by Bishop Philip William Otterbein, the founder of the United Brethren church, while the family yet resided in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. She survived her husband's death seventeen years and died July 29, 1896.

On a farm one-half mile from the place where his great-grandfather had settled seventy-five years before, the subject of this sketch spent his early childhood, attending the country school until he was eighteen years of age. He then entered Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio, at the beginning of the school year of 1879, remaining a student until the close of the year 1882. On August 3, 1882, he was married to Miss Lottie M. Hamlin, of Iowa, a student at Otterbein University. He entered Union Biblical Seminary September, 1882, at Dayton, Ohio. After one year in the seminary he was assigned by the Allegheny conference, of which he is a member, to Industry, Pennsylvania, where he served a one year pastorate and during that time he built a parsonage. He returned to the seminary September, 1884, and completed a full theological course, graduating in May, 1886. In 1886 he was assigned to the pastorate of the Westmoreland charge of Allegheny conference, being the same county in which he was born. After a two years' pastorate, in which he built a new church and parsonage and received two hundred people into church membership, he was assigned to the church in Scottdale, Pennsylvania, September, 1888, where he served a pastorate of four years and succeeded in erecting a new church at a cost of twenty-five thousand dollars. In September, 1892, he became pastor at Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where after serving five years, he was elected publishing agent by the general conference of his church May, 1897, at Toledo, Iowa, having completed eleven years as an itinerant minister and having received over one thousand persons into church fellowship.

Dr. Funk assumed the management of the United Brethren Publishing House, July 1, 1897, without any previous experience as a publisher but immediately developed a business tact which has proven phenomenal. He found the publishing house with a debt of sixty-six thousand dollars and an invoice greatly enlarged by stock accumulation, part of which was unsalable and proceeded to reduce both the debt and the invoice. At the close of his first term of office in 1901 he reported the debt entirely cancelled and immediately inaugurated a rebuilding enterprise which resulted in the complete erasing of the small buildings which oc-

cupied the ground at the corner of Fourth and Main streets and the present magnificent fourteen-story office building, with an eight-story manufacturing plant in the rear, is the result of his efforts. These buildings are modern in every particular, being constructed of brick and steel and equipped with the latest mechanical appliances for light, water, sanitary and elevator service, while the manufacturing department has been provided with the best models of printing, binding and engraving machinery, making it the most imposing business structure of the city of Dayton, as well as the largest printing plant in the middle west, seventeen periodicals being issued from its presses besides the general commercial patronage in books, pamphlets and job printing. The assets of the institution are almost one million dollars, which yields annually large profits to the church.

Dr. Funk is recognized as one of the leading men of his denomination, occupying responsible positions on church boards and committees and, although occupying a business relation to his church, yet he is a preacher of great force, his sermons showing the marks of the keenest intellect and knowledge of theology. Having the confidence of his people he is most successful in raising funds for colleges and at church dedications, in which field his time is much in demand.

As a citizen of Dayton he is classed as one of the most progressive, being a member and director of the Chamber of Commerce and also a Scottish Rite Mason. With his family, which consists of his wife, Lottie M., Nellis Rebok, Mary Adrienne and Alford Zumbro, he is most pleasantly situated in their home on Yale avenue, Dayton View. The family all hold membership in the First United Brethren church of Dayton. Dr. Funk has never held any political office but takes an active interest in advancing civic reform, both as a writer and a speaker as occasion demands.

HENRY LOY.

Henry Loy, senior partner of the firm of Loy & Wood, merchandise brokers of Dayton, has resided in this city for twenty years, and throughout the entire period has been connected with the merchandise brokerage business. Columbus numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in the capital city, December 17, 1865. He was there reared and pursued his education until he was graduated from Capital University with the class of 1883. He afterward worked for a while on the Columbus Journal and in 1885 turned his attention to the field of activity, in which he has since operated. After four years spent as a merchandise broker in Columbus, he removed to Dayton in 1889 and for twelve years was alone in business here but in 1901 formed a partnership with Captain George H. Wood, which now continues. He is one of the most energetic business men of the city, of strong intellectual force, enabling him to readily discern the drawbacks or the advantages of any business situation and thus eliminate the unessential, while adopting those forces essential to the attainment of success.

Pleasantly situated in his home life Mr. Loy was married on the 24th of February, 1909, in New York city, to Miss Katharine Gunckel, a daughter of the late L. B. Gunckel, who was one of the leaders of the Ohio bar. Mr. Loy champions

the cause of the republican party, believing in the efficacy of its principles as conducive to good government, yet without political ambitions for himself. His social life is more particularly in connection with the Dayton City Club and the Buzfuz Club, while his interest in moral progress is manifest in his support of and membership in Hope Lutheran church. He is an extremely busy man with little leisure and one is at once impressed with the fact that he belongs to that class who accomplish results while others are but formulating plans.

ATLAS L. STOUT.

Investigation into the history of Dayton indicates that Atlas L. Stout left the impress of his individuality and ability in large measure upon the public life of this city in various phases. He was particularly prominent in shaping its business development, showing much of the spirit of the initiative in formulating plans and carrying them forward to successful completion. He always recognized the fact that the present and not the future holds one's opportunity and he utilized his chances in practical manner, coming to be recognized as one of the foremost representatives of the commercial enterprises of Dayton.

Atlas L. Stout was born in this city in 1822. Since 1815 the family has been represented in Dayton. His ancestors were among those who colonized New York, New Jersey and New England, various representatives of the name figuring prominently in connection with the religious and political history of New York, New Jersey and Massachusetts. Patriotism and progress have always been strongly marked characteristics of the family and were manifest in practical efforts for the public good. It was in 1815 that Moses Stout, the grandfather of Atlas L. Stout, came to Dayton with his wife and son David. He was connected with many of the early industrial concerns of Dayton and aided in laying broad and deep the foundation upon which the present prosperity of the city has been built. He was a zealous member of the First Baptist church, which he aided in organizing, and thus he became associated with the moral as well as the material progress of the community.

His son, David Stout, turned his attention to the sale of general merchandise on Main street, north of Second, in 1817, and thus made his initial step in the business circles of Dayton. He prospered in that undertaking and a few years later added the sale of dry goods, on Main between Second and Third streets. He then erected a building on the present site of the Kramer & Viot hardware store, it being the first brick structure in Dayton which was built from the inside instead of from the outside and hence was a matter of marvel to his fellow townsmen. Subsequently David Stout established the first stove and iron store in Dayton, its location being on Third between Main and Jefferson streets. In a short time an extensive business in iron had been developed and for sixty years he continued in that location as a representative of the iron trade, which for many years has been a foremost industrial enterprise of the city and the source of Dayton's wealth. The house sustained a high reputation throughout this

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part of the state and its business expanded through the growth and development of Ohio and with the improvement of transportation facilities. At the time it was established there were no railroads and even the canal had not been put through, so that the pioneer proprietor experienced not a little difficulty in making shipments. Later, however, the canal was constructed and as the years passed railroad lines were built, so that the advantages of rapid transportation contributed largely to the increase of the business. David Stout became recognized as one of the foremost representatives of the iron trade in northern Ohio. He did not, however, confine his attention and energies to one line, for many business concerns felt the stimulus of his sound judgment and profited by his cooperation. He was one of the first to become interested in Crutchett's Gas Light Company and was afterward one of the promoters of the Dayton Gas Light & Coke Company, of which he was treasurer for many years. He mortgaged his private property for the use of the gas company but lived to see this become a very profitable industry, so that he was reimbursed for his early investment. He was also active in the organization of the Cooper Cotton Mill & Carpet Company, was a stockholder in the Woodland Cemetery Association and a director and one of the organizers of the Dayton branch of the State Bank. He was also interested in the bridges and turnpikes leading out of the city. He built one of the early brick houses in Dayton, which he occupied as his home until 1830, when he removed to his new residence at the corner of Second and Perry streets, where in 1840 he entertained one hundred and eight guests who were attending the Harrison convention. In all matters relative to public progress and the general welfare he was deeply interested. He took an active part in shaping the history of Dayton in the early days, was a member of the town council and for twenty years was town and city treasurer, manifesting the same forceful and resourceful qualities in the conduct of the public business that he did in the management of his private affairs. He died in 1858 and although more than a half century has since passed his name is indelibly inscribed on the pages of Dayton's history as one who aided in shaping its policy and molding its destiny during its formative period.

Atlas L. Stout, son of David Stout, acquired his education under the direction of E. E. Barney and Judge Daniel A. Haynes. He took up the duties of business life at an early age and manifested the strength of his character and of his purpose in becoming a factor in Dayton's enterprises, in many of which he was interested. He manifested intelligent appreciation of opportunities, which he utilized to good advantage, making safe and judicious investments in different business concerns which were paying properties. His first business venture was a partnership in a foundry and machine shop, which was conducted under the name of Westerman & Stout, which was the predecessor of the present Globe Iron Works, one of the most extensive and important industrial concerns of Dayton, and one of the first in the country to perfect the turbine water wheel. The development and growth of this business was largely attributable to his capable management and keen discernment in solving complex trade problems.

Mr. Stout was also interested, particularly in early life, in military affairs and was prominent as first lieutenant in the Dayton Artillery. He also served as a captain in the Ohio volunteer service in the Mexican war, enlisting in 1846.

In 1848 Mr. Stout was united in marriage to Miss Virginia E. Crane, of Dayton, who was a native of the Old Dominion. They were the parents of five children, and at the time of his death there were four living: Mrs. Albert Nelson Sutton, whose husband was an attorney who died in Dayton; Irene, who occupies the old homestead; Mrs. Annie S. Gooch, a resident of Covington, Kentucky; and Mrs. M. W. Van Sant, who died in 1900.

Family rather than public life appealed to Mr. Stout, the welfare and happiness of his wife and children being ever his foremost interest. He was, however, prominent in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite. He also belonged to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Few men realized more fully the obligations of wealth and he was a most generous contributor to those in need, his gifts, however, being made in a quiet and unostentatious way. He had a warm, sympathetic heart and a nature that reached out in helpful spirit to all mankind. With the close of his life, in 1898, there passed the third generation of a family in Dayton, a family whose history constituted one of the most valuable assets in the annals of the city.

JOHN A. SMITH.

John A. Smith, the superintendent of Greencastle cemetery, Harrison township, and the owner of several pieces of property in the city of Dayton, is one of the oldest settlers in his part of the township. He was born in 1828 and is the son of Richard and Catherine (Albrecht) Smith. The father was born in England and went to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, when he first came to the United States. Subsequently he came to Ohio, where he made his home until his death. He had devoted his life to farming and was a man active and prominent in all affairs.

John A. Smith made the best use he could of such educational facilities as the schools of this county afforded in that early period of formation. Upon the completion of his education he entered the railroad business, although he had worked somewhat at the carpenter's trade, subsequently abandoning the former occupation in favor of the latter. After a few years he undertook numerous building contracts in connection with which he finally engaged in house moving. This period of his activity in the world of labor was broken by his participation in the great war that threatened to disrupt the Union. When the call for men to fight in its defense spread through the country, Mr. Smith was among the first to respond and enlisted in the Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He saw three years of active service and took part in several battles that have been regarded as important in the history of the war. In one of these he was disabled by having his arm broken. He was a valiant man and a good soldier and bears a record of which no one need be ashamed. After the war he took up carpentering and house-moving which he followed until about 1875, and then followed house-moving alone until 1906.

On the 27th of June, 1852, Mr. Smith married Miss Amelia C. Boyer, the daughter of Joshua and Susanna (Buck) Boyer. Her father was a plasterer by trade

and came to Ohio from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he was born. During his life he was a man well known and respected in the community where he lived. Mr. and Mrs. Smith had a family of five children. Frances, the eldest of the family, is the wife of Jacob Hains, of Dayton. Amanda has passed away. Dayton W., a carpenter by trade, married Miss Emma Barthel and is the father of five children, Mabel, Martha, Robert, Bessie and Elwood. Of these Mabel is married to Harvey Deeter, and is the mother of one child. Ellen, the fourth child of the family, married Martin Messler and is the mother of eight children and the grandmother of two. Her eldest daughter, Grace, married Alanda Hart and has one son, Howard, a great-grandchild to the subject of this sketch. Edward and Harry follow in the Messler family, and Martha comes next. She married John Dishong and is the mother of Eugenia, another great-grandchild. Maud, Irvins, Roy, Fay and Richard are the other members of this family. Hattie, the fifth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, was married to Otto Jones, and they are survived by two sons, John J. and Smith E.

Mr. Smith belongs to the United Brethren church in Dayton and is one of its oldest members, besides being among those most zealous in the propagation of its doctrines by silent example. His life, of a span of years more numerous than are allotted to the majority of mankind, has been filled with earnest endeavor, and he is reluctant to give up active duties even at his advanced age. A life such as his cannot but have its lessons for the younger generation, though perhaps its greatest influence rests in his blue soldier's uniform that serves as a constant reminder of what every citizen should be willing to endure for the land to which they owe allegiance.

EDWARD L. McCONNAUGHEY.

Edward L. McConnaughey, collector of the port of Dayton, and well known as a local political leader in the ranks of the republican party, was born an a farm in Miami county, Ohio, November 9, 1872. His youthful experiences were those which fall to the lot of most farm boys who are instructed in the work of the fields and at the same time depend upon the country schools for their early educational discipline. He supplemented his preliminary studies by a course in the Miami Commercial College and thus well equipped for entrance into business life he came to Dayton in 1893. Soon afterward he accepted a position as messenger in the Third National Bank and was in that institution for four years. In 1898 he became connected with the firm of Reynolds & Reynolds, manufacturers, and has since been identified with that house which he now represents in the capacity of bookkeeper. His connection therewith for eleven years is manifest evidence of his loyalty, fidelity and capability.

In October, 1900, in Osborne, Greene county, Ohio, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McConnaughey and Miss Mary Musselman. They attend the Second Lutheran church, in which they hold membership, and Mr. McConnaughey is also identified with the Knights of Pythias, the Elks and the Garfield Club. From early youth he has manifested an interest in political circles that has grown with

the passing years. He has never regarded lightly the duties of citizenship but on the contrary has been mindful of his obligations and has made a creditable public record as a member of the city council, having been elected alderman at large in Dayton in 1907, taking the office in 1908. On the 31st of May, 1900, he was appointed collector of the port and is now acting in that capacity, his record in this connection being in harmony with his previous record in citizenship and in business life.

JOHN G. KUNS.

John G. Kuns is a well known and popular representative of the financial interests of Montgomery county, having since January 1, 1908, served as cashier of the Farmers & Citizens Bank at Trotwood. He was born March 28, 1853, on the farm owned by him north of the Wolf Creek pike, just outside the corporation limits of the city, the place comprising about seventy-five acres of rich and productive farming land. His parents were Daniel and Mary (Zumbrun) Kuns and the father, whose birth likewise occurred on this farm, passed away about six years ago. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Kuns, was one of the earliest settlers of this county, coming from Pennsylvania to this district at a time when the Indians still displayed active hostility toward the white race. He took up his abode on a section of land granted to him by the government by a patent deed, signed by President Madison, which is now in possession of our subject. The claim comprised some of the best land in this section of the country and has remained in possession of the Kuns family to the present day, but its members have extended its boundaries from time to time and are among the best known agriculturists in this part of the state. Unto Daniel and Mary (Zumbrun) Kuns were born six children, as follows: Samuel, Emma and Catharine, all of whom are deceased; Jacob; John G., of this review; and Clara, who has likewise passed away.

When five years of age John G. Kuns began attending school in Madison township and when he had completed his education gave his attention to agricultural pursuits as a farm hand. At the age of eighteen years, his mother having died, he started out in life on his own account as a farmer, and owing to his untiring industry and capable management, met with gratifying success in his undertakings. At the age of twenty he entered the Miami Commercial College and was graduated therefrom after having finished the prescribed course. Subsequently he was elected secretary of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company and thus served acceptably and faithfully for about five years, on the expiration of which period he resigned. In October, 1907, he was one of the organizers of the Farmers & Citizens Bank at Trotwood and has since acted in the capacity of cashier of this institution.

In April, 1879, Mr. Kuns was united in marriage to Miss Rachel Garber, a daughter of Jonathan Garber, who was among the earlist settlers in this part of the country, coming from Virginia. The father carried on agricultural pursuits as a life work and was a prominent representative of that line of activity. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Kuns have been born seven children, namely: Guy, who married Miss Grace Kohler, by whom he has two children, Ruth, and Etie; Glenn, who is

engaged in teaching school; Opal, at home; Ray, a student in Oxford College; Ethel and Hazel, who are also yet under the parental roof; and one who died in infancy. The children are all high school graduates.

In his political views Mr. Kuns is a stalwart democrat and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various positions of public trust and responsibility. For two terms he served as township treasurer and has been the incumbent in most of the minor township offices. The cause of education has ever found in him a stanch champion and for about ten years he was a member of the school board, acting as president thereof for four years. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the church of the Brethren, in the work of which the members of his family take an active and helpful interest. Having spent his entire life in this county, he has a wide acquaintance here and has been a most interested witness of its growth and progress, manifesting a public-spirited devotion to the general welfare. That many of his warmest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood days to the present time is an indication that his life has been honorable and straightforward.

HOWARD CLEVELAND GEBHART.

Howard Cleveland Gebhart is the manager of the Mound farm of ninety acres of rich and arable land located southeast of Miamisburg, on the Mound road. He was born on the old family homestead on the Alexanderville road, southeast of Miamisburg, his natal day being March 3, 1888. His parents are Arthur and Elizabeth (Leasure) Gebhart. The father was educated in Montgomery county and has been actively and successfully identified with agricultural and stock-raising interests throughout his entire business career, being now the owner of a valuable and well improved farm in this county. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, namely: Myrtle; Bessie; Howard C., of this review; Arthur; Richard; Edna; Clyde, deceased; and one who died in infancy.

Howard Cleveland Gebhart acquired his education in the common schools of Miami township and since putting aside his text-books has devoted his time and energies to general farming pursuits. As above stated, he now operates a tract of land comprising ninety acres, known as the Mound farm, and in its cultivation is meeting with gratifying success, the well tilled fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them. He likewise raises some stock and expects to take up that branch of business on an extensive scale in the near future. Though he has just attained his majority, he has already won a measure of prosperity in his undertakings that augurs well for the future, and he is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as a most enterprising and progressive citizen.

On the 8th of January, 1908, Mr. Gebhart was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary H. King, a daughter of Nicholas D. and Mary Jane (Watson) King, of Kentucky. Her paternal grandparents were Abel and Mary (Dunn) King and

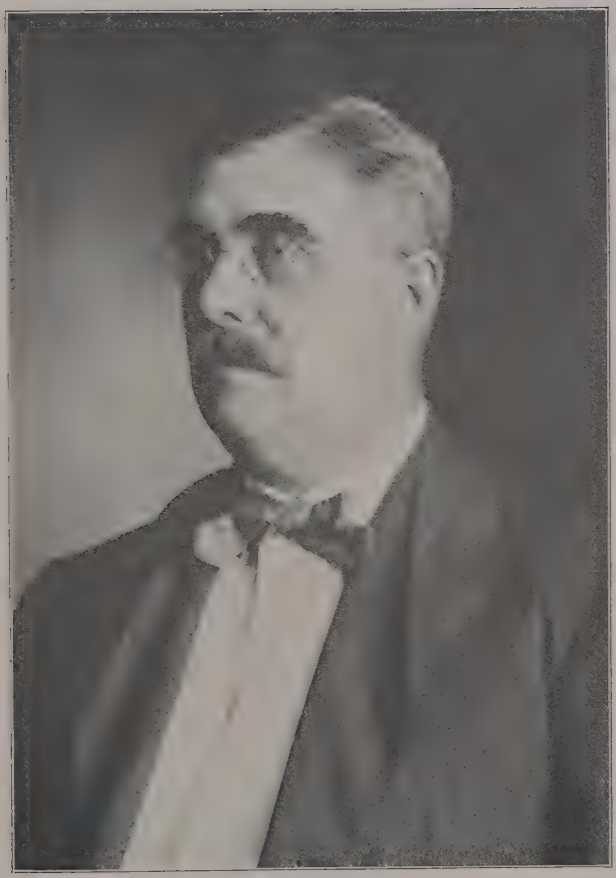
the former was one of Kentucky's early settlers, having made his way to that state from Virginia. Nicholas D. King, the father of Mrs. Gebhart, is a prominent and prosperous citizen and a veterinary surgeon by profession. Unto him and his wife were born twelve children, as follows: Samantha; John W., who is now deceased; Lida B.; William N.; Martha; Willis, who has also passed away; Elizabeth M.; Eli; James N.; Alexander; Mrs. Gebhart; and one who died in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gebhart now have one child, Truman C. They belong to the Reformed church, in the works of which they take an active and helpful interest. Mr. Gebhart fully realizes the benefits of travel and has taken a number of trips for educational purposes, as well as for the pleasure to be derived therefrom. He has a large circle of warm friends throughout the county in which he has resided from his birth to the present time, having ever displayed those sterling traits of character which everywhere command admiration and regard.

ELVIN HENRY COE.

Elvin Henry Coe, who for many years was closely, successfully and honorably connected with the insurance interests of Dayton, was born in Commers, Oakland county, Michigan, his parents being Alonzo and Hannah (Lee) Coe, both being of Irish descent. His father was a physician of note. Our subject was but sixteen years of age when on the 1st of August, 1862, he enlisted in the United States volunteer army in defense of the Union, becoming a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Infantry. He continued at the front throughout the remainder of the war, being mustered out at Greensboro, North Carolina, June 17, 1865. He participated in the siege of Knoxville, Tennessee, in the battles of Bull's Gap, Tennessee, Murfreesboro, Franklin, Spring Hill and Nashville. At the battle of Franklin, Tennessee, he had three horses shot from under him. After sharing in the capture of Fort Fisher, North Carolina, he participated in the campaign northward through the Carolinas in 1865 and took part in the grand review at Washington, D. C., the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western continent. During the last years of his service he was detailed for duty on the staff of General J. M. Scofield. His record was that of a brave and loyal soldier who knows no fear when defending his principles and his country.

It was not long after the close of the war that Mr. Coe was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Elizabeth Jones, the wedding being celebrated on the 27th of January, 1867. Her parents came to America from Wales, the father arriving at the age of eighteen years. He was a miller by trade and followed that pursuit in support of his family. Subsequent to his marriage he established his home near Ravenna, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Coe became the parents of four children, of whom one son, George E., died at the age of twenty-one years. The daughters are: Jennie A., who conducts the business left by her father; Minnie Irene, the wife of Harry R. Viot, for sixteen years associated with the Barney Smith Car Works, of Dayton, and now with the Chalmers Detroit Company,



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of Detroit, Michigan, by whom she has one daughter, Catherine Louise, aged seven years; and Grace L., now the wife of Lawrence B. George, of Dayton, who is with the Brownell Iron Works. They have two sons, Williard B. and Elvin Coe, twins.

Mrs. Coe and daughters are consistent and faithful members of the Memorial Presbyterian church, to which Mr. Coe contributed generously and during his life he served as deacon in the church for many years. He belonged to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Masonic fraternity, and was also an interested and active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. He made his home in Dayton from September, 1879. For twenty-two years he was in the employ of the Erie Railroad Company, but in 1889 he retired from that position and turned his attention to the insurance business, to which he devoted his remaining days, carefully conducting his business affairs so as to win substantial results. He was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce and enjoyed in the fullest measure the confidence and good will of those who knew him because his life was ever honorable and upright. He was never a negative factor but rather a potent force working for public good, his ethics and influence extending into many lines which were a feature in the city's improvement and development. After a useful and well spent life he passed away on the 26th of July, 1908.

GENERAL THOMAS JOHN WOOD.

Again and again on the field of battle and also when the position of the army was that of protection rather than of active defense General Thomas John Wood responded to the roll call until finally taps were sounded and the light was forever extinguished for him in this life. He leaves behind him a memory of honorable, faithful, valorous service and the record of chivalrous and patriotic manhood and his memory remains undimmed in the minds of those who were his closest associates, friends and comrades through many years. He was the last survivor of the West Point class of 1845 but with his passing the roll of that old class was completed on the other side of the river. His birth had occurred in Munfordville, Hart county, Kentucky, September 25, 1823. When Virginia was holding out its invitation to the old world that the people of European countries might become factors in its colonization his ancestors had located in the Old Dominion and both the paternal and maternal lines sent their patriotic sons to aid in the establishment of American independence and also to participate in the wars which established the supremacy of the white race in the new world. His father, Colonel George T. Wood, was a prominent resident of Kentucky and his mother was a sister of Governor Charles Helm of that state. As a boy he played along the banks of the Green river and in 1841, after acquiring a limited education in Kentucky, he received an appointment to the West Point Military Academy and entered upon a connection with the army that continued unbroken for sixty-five years. During his first year at West Point he was a roommate of U. S. Grant. He was one of the honor men of the class of 1845 and after a brief term of service at the Academy was offered his choice between his graduation leave and an

assignment on General Taylor's staff in Texas. Accepting the latter he reported to General Taylor at Corpus Christi and because of his excellent record in school was assigned to the topographical engineers and became the tent-mate of Lieutenant George G. Meade, afterward the distinguished general to command the forces at Gettysburg. Soon the war with Mexico followed and General Taylor in the spring of 1846 advanced toward the Rio Grande, encountering the enemy at Palo Alto. Lieutenant Wood had been detailed to bring up the heavy guns from Point Isabel and in his official record General Taylor made mention of Lieutenant Wood's efficient service at that time. At Palo Alto he was for the first time under fire and on the following day, the 9th of May, took part in the battle of Resaca de la Palma and the retreat of the Mexicans across the Rio Grande, leaving Texas completely in the possession of the American army. That summer General Taylor advanced toward Monterey and Lieutenant Wood served on his staff in the three days' engagement there. In October, 1846, he was transferred to the Second Dragoons and served as adjutant to Colonel Charles May, during the campaign of Buena Vista. On this occasion Lieutenant Wood did his full duty, penetrating inside the Mexican lines before the action and Colonel May in his official report said: "To my adjutant, Lieutenant Wood, my thanks are particularly due for the prompt manner in which he conveyed my orders and for the energy and zeal he displayed throughout the battle." After the capture of the city of Mexico Lieutenant Wood was ordered to Vera Cruz and acted as escort to the United States representatives who concluded the peace of Guadaloupe Hidalgo.

During the succeeding five years Lieutenant Wood was engaged in guarding the frontier, being sometimes the only officer which the company possessed. During a part of this period he was aide-de-camp on the staff of General Harney and for several years was adjutant of the Second Dragoons. In 1849 he was ordered to West Point as an assistant professor but was relieved at his own request as he preferred duty with his regiment. In 1851 he was promoted to first lieutenancy in the Second Dragoons and in 1854 went to New York where he spent a year on recruiting services. In March, 1855, following the organization of the First Cavalry Regiment he was commissioned its second captain and after recruiting a portion of his company in Kentucky proceeded to Leavenworth. He was on active duty on the Kansas frontier when the Indians were a constant menace, when the Mormon question presented many difficulties and when the differences between pro-slavery and free-soil factions required the constant vigilance of the military.

It is a notable fact that Captain Wood was never "waiting orders" but was always on duty with troops. During 1856-7 he was chiefly engaged in trying to keep peace in Kansas and was on a six months' expedition as escort to Lieutenant Colonel Johnson, who was running the Kansas boundary. In 1858 the First Cavalry took part in General A. S. Johnston's Utah division and in the fall of that year Captain Wood was sent with two troops to Fort Washita, Indian Territory, where he remained in command of the post until the fall of 1859. A year's absence enabled him to spend 1860 in Europe, during which time he was one of the official guests at the coronation of Charles XV as king of Norway. While in Alexandria in January, 1861, he was notified that all leaves had been recalled and at once returned, reaching New York in March.

A southern man by birth Captain Wood faced the most painful and important crisis in his career but he never faltered for one moment in his duty to the government. In his immediate family in Kentucky his father and he were the only Union men. Going at once to Washington Captain Wood was made major of the First Cavalry but never joined the regiment. When moderate men of both north and south failed in the attempt to bring about a compromise and President Lincoln issued his first call for troops, following the attack at Fort Sumter, Major Wood was ordered to Indianapolis and spent six months in mustering in the quota from Indiana. In May, 1861, he was promoted to a lieutenant colonelcy of the First Cavalry and on the 11th of October, 1861, was appointed a brigadier general of volunteers and ordered into the field, his first command being a brigade at Camp Nevin, Kentucky.

During General Wood's service at Indianapolis he had met Miss Greer of Dayton and in this city they were married November 29, 1861. He spent the succeeding winter in training and organizing new troops and before the campaign of 1862 opened was placed in command of the Sixth Division of the Army of the Ohio under General D. C. Buell. His division took part in the advance on Nashville, ending in the occupation of that city. The Army of the Ohio then marched toward Pittsburg Landing to join the Army of the Tennessee and as they proceeded they heard the booming of cannon, telling them that the battle was on. They reached the Tennessee river after a forced march about daylight on the 7th, having marched twenty-four hours without food or rest, covering thirty miles. At Savannah the troops embarked for Pittsburg Landing and participated in the pursuit of the enemy, bivouacking that night farther to the front than any of the other national troops. In the summer of 1862 General Wood was assigned to repair and guard the Charleston & Memphis Railroad and while thus engaged was exposed to the raids of numerous bands of Confederate cavalry. In August, 1862, however, he was able to strike and scatter General Forrest's cavalry command near McMinnville, Tennessee. Through information which General Wood was able to obtain the Union commander in that year gained his first insight into Bragg's plans for his Kentucky campaign. He was engaged in trying to save from capture the Union garrison at Mumfordville which was a strange coincidence as that was his native town. General Wood's division also participated in the advance against Bragg terminating in the battle of Perryville in October, 1862, and the retreat of the Confederates from Kentucky. In command of his old division in the left wing of the Army of the Cumberland he advanced from Nashville in the last days of 1862 and had several brilliant skirmishes with the Confederates. At Stone River Bragg's army was found drawn up in battle array, while General Wood's division was at the extreme left of the Union line. He sent men out with orders to climb into trees and to keep close watch on the enemy, receiving the report that the Confederates were moving large bodies of troops from his right to his left. This information seemed so important that General Wood at once sent the picket officer to the commanding general. Had the information reached its destination the result would undoubtedly have been different. General Wood with but two brigades never faltered in his position and his holding thereof was one of the most valorous acts of the Union troops. Although struck by a minie ball in the left heel at ten o'clock that morn-

ing he did not dismount from his horse or have his wound dressed until the day's fighting was over in the evening. For a few weeks his wound necessitated his rest from active duty but in the middle of February he was again in command of his division with which he took part in the Tullahoma campaign and the subsequent advance to the Tennessee river during the months of July, August and September, 1863. On the 5th of September his division crossed the river, being the first of the national troops to occupy Chattanooga on the 9th. General Wood advanced as far as Lee and Gordon's Mills where he remained until September 19th. The reconnaissance made by Harker's Brigade under General Wood's command revealed the enemy in heavy force across Chickamauga creek. The Union forces were then widely scattered but General Wood's orders were to hold his position at all hazard and if forced back defend every inch of the road back to Chattanooga. However, Bragg did not attack and Rosecrans concentrated his forces in time for Chickamauga. From Lee and Gordon's Mills General Wood started, according to orders to support Van Cleve's right and while on the way encountered Davis' division and succeeded in checking and holding the Confederate advance. In a charge General Wood's horse was killed. The fight was bitter and when it ceased the men rested on their arms for the battle that morning was sure to bring. General Wood's gallant and meritorious conduct at the battle of Chickamauga led to his recommendation for brevet as a brigadier general by the board composed of Generals Sherman, Meade and Thomas. Following the investment of Chattanooga General Wood was given the command of the Third Division, Fourth Army Corps and the 23d of November, 1863, found the united national army, under command of General Grant, confronting Bragg's forces at Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain. It was planned that General Sherman should make an attack against the Confederate right but after three days it was found that he was not yet in a position for attacking. Under the circumstances General Wood was ordered to practically make a reconnaissance in force against the Confederate lines at Orchard Knob. Advancing rapidly the line swept over the low ground and soon the reconnaissance became an attack and with a gallant dash the division carried Orchard Knob and captured many of its defenders. This movement led to the defense which broke the Confederate center on the 25th. Orchard Knob became General Grant's headquarters during the remaining days of the fighting at Chattanooga. On the next day General Hooker carried Lookout Mountain and then followed the battle of Missionary Ridge. In an account of this the Annual Review said: "Nearer and nearer the crest climbed the line in blue, but no more a line—a series of angles, each angle marked by the battle-flag of a regiment carried by the strongest men, for each one was striving to be the first to plant its colors in the Confederate lines. Almost simultaneously the ridge was gained at half a dozen points and the soldiers' assault of Missionary Ridge became one of the marvels of the war. General Wood always claimed that the troops of his division were the first to gain the crest of the ridge, basing his assertion on the fact that while Sheridan's division was halted at the foot of the ridge and that part of it which had started up the ridge was recalled, his (Wood's) division never stopped its advance from the time it left Orchard Knob until the crest was gained."

The following brief extract from an account written at the time gives some little idea of the enthusiasm of both officers and men.

"It was near sundown when General T. J. Wood, whose conduct all through the three days' battle, marked him as one of the ablest leaders of the national armies, rode along the lines of his superb division. Loud shouts of enthusiasm everywhere greeted his appearance, until at last his feelings, no longer controllable, broke forth in a speech.

" 'Brave men!' said he, 'you were ordered to go forward and take the rebel rifle-pits at the foot of these hills; you did so; and by the Eternal! without orders, you pushed forward and took all the enemy's works on top! Here is a fine chance for having you all court-martialed, and I myself will appear as the principal witness against you, unless you promise me one thing.'

" 'What is it? What is it?' laughingly inquired the men.

" 'It is' resumed the General, 'that as you are now in possession of these works, you will continue, against all opposition of Bragg, Johnston, Jeff. Davis and the devil, steadfastly to hold them!'

"At the conclusion of his speech, the enthusiasm of the soldiers knew no bounds; they left the ranks and crowded around the General. 'We promise! We promise!' they cried; and amid such exclamations as 'Of course we'll hold them!' 'Let any try to take them from us!' 'Bully for you!' 'Three cheers for old Wood!' the gallant officer rode off the field."

General Wood's division took part in the movement sent into eastern Tennessee to the relief of Knoxville which caused Longstreet to fall back. May 18, 1864, marked the beginning of the great campaigns of the east and the west and found General Wood in command of the Third Division, Fourth Army Corps. He was engaged at the action at Rocky Face Ridge, in the battles of Resaca May 14-15 and the action at Adairsville on May 17th. After the battle of New Hope Church May 25-26 he was ordered to find the extreme right of the enemy's position, turn it and attack him in flank. The order was obeyed but in two hours fourteen hundred and fifty-seven men had been killed and wounded in this one division. General Wood also took part in the various engagements about Pine and Kenesaw Mountains and in a brilliant movement forced the crossing of Peach Tree creek and threw a bridge across the stream in the presence of the enemy on the 19th of July, 1864. During the siege of Atlanta General Wood's division occupied a line of works near Peach Tree creek until it took part in the swinging movement to the south which caused the evacuation of Atlanta. In this movement he was engaged in the battles of Jonesboro and Lovejoy Station and in the latter was struck down by a rifle shot which passed through his left foot. Although suffering from a painful wound he refused to give up his command and be sent north on sick leave. Still crippled with his foot bound up in an old buffalo robe because he could not wear a boot General Wood entered into his last campaign. He was not heavily engaged at Franklin and after General Stanley was wounded there succeeded to the command of the Fourth Corps. General Wood was the main support of General Thomas on the Nashville campaign and proposed the plan which, with a few added details, was that adopted for the battle. The engagement followed and the Union troops were victorious. In

January, 1865, General Wood was appointed major general of volunteers. During the winter and spring of 1865 the Fourth Corps was stationed in eastern Tennessee, guarding the passes of the mountains against a possible attempt of General Lee's escape to the west. After Lee's surrender the Fourth Corps was sent to Texas in the summer of 1865 as a menace to Maximilian and his French allies. General Wood participated in these different movements until September, 1865, when he was placed in command of the central district of Arkansas.

At the request of General Thomas he was brought from Arkansas and placed in command of the department of Mississippi during the reconstruction period. He found the condition of affairs there most deplorable but labored first to gain the confidence of the people of Mississippi and then to restore the shattered fabric of civil life both in government and in business. That he succeeded the record shows but perhaps the most touching proof is found in the following incident.

After his death in February, 1906, just forty years after he had labored for the people of Mississippi, the Vicksburg Herald, the leading paper in the state, published the following editorial: "The death of General Thomas J. Wood is a reminder that he deserves grateful remembrance from Mississippi. He succeeded General H. W. Slocum as commander of the military in the state, with headquarters at Vicksburg in September, 1865. In that position which he held all through 1866, duties were devolved upon him which were a severe test of administrative ability and that proved high character as well. Socially, industrially and politically, there prevailed chaos, confusion and uncertainty. In sections there was distress and disorder in the years immediately following war. It can readily be seen that such a situation demanded a military ruler who combined with firmness and fairness, sagacious judgment. The chronicles and the surviving memories of the period credit General Wood with proving himself such a commander."

In 1867 General Wood was relieved from the command of the district of Mississippi and mustered out of the volunteer service. He rejoined his regiment, the Second Cavalry at Fort McPherson but soon found that his wounds and injuries had incapacitated him for further service and he was placed on the retired list with the rank of major general. From that time on he made his home in Dayton. In this connection the Annual Record said:

"Quietly and peacefully the veteran soldier passed these last years, believing that an officer of the army should live up to the highest ideals, he never permitted anything to conflict with what he thought was his duty. Perhaps his greatest pleasure was found in the love and devotion of the soldiers who had served under him and with him which was manifested in many ways and he was always a prominent figure in the meetings of the Society of the Army of the Cumberland. In 1892, he assisted in marking the lines at Chickamauga Park and was always most enthusiastic over all things that tended to perpetuate the deeds of the brave men of the Civil war, whether they wore the blue or the gray. In the same year a dinner of the surviving members of the class of 1845 was held in New York, only six were left, W. F. Smith, T. J. Wood, Fitz-John Porter, Henry Coppee, J. P. Hatch and E. K. Smith. A sad but sweet meeting and Thomas J. Wood voiced it when he gave as his toast those beautiful lines of Moore's:

'Long days have passed, old friend, since we
First met in life's young day,
And friends long loved by thee and me
Since then have dropped away.
But enough remain to cheer us on
And sweeten, when thus we're met,
The glass we fill to the many gone
And the few who are left us yet.' "

In 1895 General Wood was appointed a member of the board of visitors at West Point by President Cleveland, this being the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation from the academy. When the Spanish-American war broke out though long past the age limit he offered his services to the war department. In 1902 he attended the one hundredth anniversary of the military academy at West Point and responded for the Mexican war. Then in his eightieth year but full of vigor and life he enjoyed to the uttermost that brilliant occasion. During the next three or four years his health gradually gave way and in accordance with a desire he had expressed he was laid to rest in the West Point cemetery.

CHARLES E. SWADENER.

Charles E. Swadener, for thirty-five years a member of the Dayton bar, is now specializing in the practice of real-estate law. He is well qualified for general practice because of his comprehensive understanding of legal principles but his ability in this particular line has enabled him to concentrate his energies upon one department and gain therein a large and growing clientage.

Born on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, on the 2d of January, 1853, Charles E. Swadener spent his youthful days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Swadener. The father was also a native of Montgomery county, born in 1818. He was long identified with educational interests in this part of the state, devoting the greater portion of his life to school teaching, although for four years, from 1869 until 1873, he served as sheriff of Montgomery county, proving a capable officer, prompt, fearless and efficient in the discharge of his official duties. His family numbered five children, two sons and three daughters, all of whom are yet living.

Upon the home farm Charles E. Swadener spent his youthful days to the age of sixteen years, when the father was elected sheriff and the family removed to Dayton. Prior to this time he had attended the country schools and had also pursued his studies in St. Mary's Institute near Dayton. Continuing his education after the removal to the city he was graduated from the Dayton high school with the class of 1873 and then, determining to make the practice of law his life work, he began reading in the office of George D. Nauerth, a well known attorney, with whom he remained until admitted to the bar in Cincinnati, Ohio, December 4, 1874. He located for practice in Dayton and later formed a partnership with W. C. Howard, which was maintained until Mr. Howard was appointed clerk of the district and circuit courts in Cincinnati. Mr. Swadener

then practiced alone until 1889, when he formed a partnership with the late Judge D. A. Haynes and they were thus associated until Judge Haynes retired from active practice. Mr. Swadener has since been alone and has made a specialty of real-estate law, in which department of the science of jurisprudence he is particularly well versed, his comprehensive knowledge thereof causing his opinions concerning real-estate law to be largely accepted as authority.

In Dayton in 1875 Mr. Swadener was united in marriage to Miss Leila L. Deuel, a daughter of the late Stephen Deuel. Unto this marriage have been born a son and two daughters: Edward E., who is secretary of F. A. Hardy & Company, of Chicago, Illinois; Leila E., wife of Russell L. Whitney, of San Francisco, California; and Julia L., who is a graduate of the Women's College at Baltimore, Maryland, where she won the degrees of Bachelor and Master of Arts.

In his political views Mr. Swadener is an earnest republican, well informed on the questions and issues of the day but without aspiration for office. He belongs to the Episcopal church and is interested in all those movements which work for good citizenship and for individual progress. In his profession he is noted for his devotion to his clients' interests and this combined with his comprehensive knowledge of the law and correct application of its principles has carried him into important professional relations.

RUDOLPH PRETZINGER.

Rudolph Pretzinger, who was for many years one of the best known druggists of Dayton and a man whose business ability carried him into important commercial relations and brought to him substantial success, was born in Germany, February 1, 1847. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Pretzinger, in whose family were five children. The parents remained residents of the fatherland during the early youth of their son Rudolph and then came to the new world, crossing the Atlantic in 1854. The same year they arrived in Dayton and during the greater part of his life Rudolph Pretzinger continued to reside in this city.

At the age of sixteen years he was compelled to shoulder the burdens incident to the support of a large family for his father died, leaving the widow and children with practically no financial resources. The following year Rudolph Pretzinger went to Indianapolis, where he took up the study of pharmacy, receiving his diploma in 1865. He then returned to Dayton and made his initial step in the business world as a clerk in the employ of J. W. Deitrich, who at that time conducted a pharmacy in the Philips House block. After acting as salesman for some time, during which period he carefully saved his earnings, he started a pharmacy at 412 Third street and after carrying on the business one year he admitted a brother as partner, the business then being carried on under the name of R. Pretzinger & Brother. The subject of this review remained as the senior partner of the firm until his death, which occurred on the 14th of February, 1909. As the years passed they built up an excellent trade,

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stocked their store with a large line of high grade drugs and by earnest effort to please their customers and by reliable business methods secured a patronage which was most gratifying. In 1896, after three years of experimenting, Mr. Pretzinger placed on the market his now celebrated catarrh balm, of which he was the originator. Besides gaining him much scientific recognition the income from his discovery enabled him to enjoy the pleasures of life in a manner which had hitherto been impossible. The drug found a ready sale on the market and his income was materially and substantially increased thereby.

On the 31st of January, 1889, Mr. Pretzinger was united in marriage to Miss Fannie B. Welty, a daughter of Francis Joseph and Anna (Spratt) Welty, of Dayton, both now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Pretzinger was born one son, Walter. Mr. Pretzinger was never a member of fraternal or secret societies, for while he realized and acknowledged the pleasures and benefits that might be derived from such organizations, he preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business and family interests, devoting his leisure time to the enjoyment of social relations in his own home. In politics he was a republican and he served as a member of the board of education for some time and also as park commissioner. Mrs. Pretzinger still survives her husband and now makes her home at the corner of Main and Apple streets in Dayton. She has many friends here, the cordial hospitality of many of the leading homes of this city being freely accorded her. With the exception of the period spent in pursuing his pharmaceutical course, Mr. Pretzinger remained continuously a resident of Dayton from the time of his arrival in America, and the splendid record which he made as a business man, his high qualities of citizenship and his sterling traits of character as manifested in private life, gained him a firm hold upon the affectionate regard of his associates.

CHARLES H. KUMLER.

For more than twenty years Charles H. Kumler has been a conspicuous member of the Dayton bar. His ancestors belonged to that class of honest, sturdy and determined men who raised the little republic of Switzerland to its proud place among the nations of Europe. Their desire for even larger political and religious liberty brought Mr. Kumler's great-grandparents to this country in the middle of the eighteenth century, and they settled in what is now known as Pennsylvania, joining those pioneers who taught freedom of thought and action; interested themselves in education and good government; believed in universal peace; and cherished religion, pure and undefiled, as the essential of character and usefulness. Henry Kumler, grandfather of Charles H., was foremost among the founders of the United Brethren church, becoming one of its bishops as did his eldest son and namesake.

In the early part of the last century, John Kumler and Sarah Landis were brought as children from Pennsylvania to Ohio, where they grew up and in 1836 were married. The young couple settled upon a farm near Trenton, Butler county,

Ohio, where they continued to reside until the spring of 1873, and where eleven children, eight boys and three girls, were born to them.

In those days, when prices of farm products were comparatively low, toil from early dawn to dewy eve, on the part of the parents and children alike, was required for food, clothing and education. A farmer's boy at thirteen made a "hand" in the harvest field, binding grain behind a seven foot reaper, and the girl at ten ably assisted her mother with the cooking and the housework.

It was under these conditions that Charles, the youngest son of John and Sarah Kumler, was born, November 22, 1855, and lived until his seventeenth year, working in the fields during the summer and getting such limited instruction as the country schools of those days afforded during the winter months. In 1873 his family moved to Dayton, Ohio, and with great eagerness and industry he took advantage of the opportunity to attend the graded schools of a city system. He enrolled as a pupil in the Perry street school, passed from this to the old Central high school, where, in three years, he prepared to enter Michigan University. This he did in 1877, took a full classical course and was graduated in 1881.

Immediately after graduation Mr. Kumler became a student of law with Nevin & Kumler (the latter his brother, the late Judge Alvin W. Kumler) and in two years was admitted to the bar. It is a remarkable fact that he was the sixth of the eight boys of the family to enter the legal profession, and all of them have received recognition for distinguished ability and unimpeachable integrity. Three of them, Philip H., Daniel B. and Alvin W. Kumler, were at the same time serving as city solicitors of Cincinnati, Ohio; Evansville, Indiana; and Dayton, Ohio, respectively, and three, Philip H., Alvin W. and John F. Kumler, were later elevated from the bar to the bench and were common pleas judges of the courts of Hamilton, Montgomery and Lucas counties.

In 1886 the law firm of Van Skaik & Kumler was formed and continued until January 1, 1894, when Mr. Kumler assumed the duties of prosecuting attorney of Montgomery county, to which he had been elected and for which he was again chosen in 1896, serving with marked distinction for six years. Among the hundreds of cases of felony prosecuted by him during that period, one known as the Frantz case, was truly a *cause celebre*, chiefly on account of conviction by a perfect chain of circumstantial evidence.

During these busy years of professional labor, Mr. Kumler found time also to perform a citizen's duty toward his community. In 1885 he was elected by the republican party to be a member of the board of education and from 1887 to 1889 inclusive he was president of the board. As a presiding officer he compelled the prompt dispatch of business, and the two great enterprises carried through by the board during his administration, the completion of the Dayton public library and the building of Steele high school, showed excellent judgment and careful financial management. While a member of the school board, Mr Kumler met Miss Marie Jacque, principal of the very district school which he first attended after coming from the farm to the city, and June 26, 1890, they were married and have since resided on Grafton avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

Upon his retirement from the office of prosecuting attorney, Mr. Kumler resumed the practice of the law without a partner. Six years spent in the almost daily trial of criminal cases developed and trained his unusual ability in the exam-

ination of witnesses, the conduct of trials and arguments before a jury. This ability has ever since been generously recognized by courts and fellow lawyers in frequent assignments for the defense, when cases were of special importance and responsibility, and in his employment by other lawyers to assist in trials requiring able and skillful conduct. Although he engages in the general practice of the law, he is frankly admitted to be preeminent as a trial lawyer. During his career he has either prosecuted or defended in twelve first degree murder cases, and in those cases where he appeared as counsel for the defense he has always been able to save his clients from the death penalty. Mr. Kumler is widely known and highly esteemed, a clever after dinner speaker and a man whose companionship is valued and sought.

JUDGE EDWIN P. MATTHEWS.

Judge Edwin P. Matthews, whose services on the common pleas bench and connection with the professional interests has been characterized by signal and faithful performance of duty combined with marked ability in the profession which he has chosen as a life work, was born in Dayton, March 22, 1858, a son of Judge Fitch-James and Frances A. (Parrott) Matthews, the latter a daughter of Thomas Parrott, one of Dayton's prominent pioneer settlers. The father, long distinguished as a member of the Ohio bar, served on the bench of the superior court at Columbus.

Environment, inherited tendency and natural predilection may have constituted forces in Judge Edwin P. Matthews' choice of a profession. At all events, that the choice was a wise one is indicated in the success which he has achieved and by the prominent position accorded him by the consensus of public opinion. When he had mastered the branches of learning that constituted the public-school curriculum in Dayton in his youthful days, he entered Kenyon College as a member of the class of 1879. When he ceased to pursue his studies along literary lines he began reading law in the office of Warren Munger of Dayton, and since his admission to the bar on the 5th of May, 1880, has given close and unremitting attention to the duties of his profession and has made continuous progress until for some years he has been recognized as a representative in the front rank of his calling.

Following his admission he became a partner of George O. Warrington and on the dissolution of the partnership five years later Mr. Matthews began practicing alone. An excellent presence, earnest manner, marked strength of character and thorough grasp of the law and the ability to correctly apply its principles, make him an effective and successful advocate. He is a vigilant, attentive observer of men and measures and this enables him to correctly determine the motive springs of human conduct and to reason from effect back to cause—always an essential of successful law practice. The great care with which he associates all of the facts bearing upon every case and the clearness with which he presents these before the court, are conspicuous elements in his success.

At different times Mr. Matthews has been called from private practice for the performance of official duties, being first elected to office in 1888 when he

was chosen to represent the first ward in the city council. He received endorsement of his work during his first term of two years when in 1890 he was re-elected. In 1889 he was president of the council and in this connection proved himself an unbiased parliamentarian while his influence and support were always given for the advancement of measures and interests calculated to promote municipal progress. In 1892 he was a member of the board of deputy supervisors of elections of Montgomery county and on the 1st of May, 1895, was appointed city solicitor, in which position he served for more than ten years or until November, 1905, when he was elected judge of the common pleas court. On the 31st of December of the same year, because of ill health, he resigned his position on the bench, to which he had been elected without opposition. On the 5th of October, 1894, he was appointed United States commissioner for the southern district of Ohio and in that office continued until he resigned on being elected to the bench. On the 20th of February, 1886, he had been admitted to practice in the United States courts. On his retirement from office at the close of the year 1905 he resumed the private practice of law and on the 1st of April, 1907, became a member of the firm of Rowe, Shuey, Matthews & James. Aside from professional interests he is known in business circles of this city as president of the Dayton Lighting Company, to which he was elected in February, 1906.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Judge Matthews was married October 12, 1883, to Miss Edna M. Mills, a daughter of William M. Mills of Dayton. They have five sons and a daughter: William Mills, Margaret A., Fitch-James, Edwin P., Jr., David T. and George T.

Judge Matthews has spent his entire life in this city and his record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that "a prophet is never without honor save in his own country," for here, where he has been known from his boyhood he has attained prominence in municipal affairs, while his professional ability has made him known even beyond the city of his residence.

OSCAR M. GOTTSCHALL.

Oscar M. Gottschall, senior partner of the well known law firm of Gottschall & Turner, also a veteran of the Civil war, joining the army when but eighteen years of age, is numbered among Ohio's native sons and throughout his entire life has stood for progressive citizenship, for municipal progress and individual advancement. Born on the 14th of August, 1843, in Newark, Ohio, he is a son of John and Abigail Jane (Conklin) Gottschall, of German and New England descent respectively. The father was born and reared in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but in early manhood removed westward to Ohio. His wife represented one of the old New England families and her grandfather was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war, fighting with the American army throughout the period of hostilities that won independence for this nation.

Oscar M. Gottschall was only two years of age when brought to Dayton by his parents and in this city he pursued his public-school education until he was

graduated from the high school with the class of 1861. Attracted by the profession of law he at once began preparing for a career at the bar as a student in the office and under the direction of Edmond S. Young, then one of the most prominent representatives of the legal fraternity in Dayton. He had continued his law reading for about a year when he felt that his duty to his country was paramount to all other interests and, constrained by patriotism, he enlisted in August, 1862, in defense of the Union cause, being assigned to duty with the boys of Company K, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. Soon afterward he was promoted to quartermaster sergeant of his company, while in January, 1863, he became sergeant major of his regiment and the following year was promoted to adjutant, acting with that rank until mustered out on the 25th of June, 1865. The Ninety-third Ohio was first attached to General Gilbert's brigade in Kentucky and later formed a part of McCook's corps in the Army of the Cumberland. Mr. Gotschall participated in many hotly contested engagements from Stone River to Atlanta, was afterward under the command of General Thomas and witnessed the final overthrow of Hood's forces in Tennessee. At the battle of Chickamauga he was wounded and again at Missionary Ridge. His valor and gallantry on the former battlefield led to his recommendation for promotion to the adjutancy by his superior officer.

When the country no longer needed his military aid Mr. Gottschall returned to Dayton and resumed his law studies, remaining in the office of Edmond S. Young through the period of his preparation and afterward as a law partner in the firm of Young & Gottschall. A change in the partnership occurred by the admission of George R. Young in 1878 under the firm style of Young, Gottschall & Young, the connection being continued until Mr. Gottshall withdrew in 1879. In that year he became junior partner in the law firm of Marshall & Gottschall, his associate being R. D. Marshall. This firm was dissolved in September, 1883, after which Mr. Gottschall practiced alone until February, 1885, when he was joined by O. B. Brown under the firm name of Gottschall & Brown. For eight years they practiced together and then the name of Crawford was added through the admission of Ira Crawford to the partnership. In 1898 Colonel Gottschall became senior partner in the firm of Gottschall, Crawford, McConnaughey & Limbert, this connection continuing until January 1, 1903. In January, 1907, the present firm of Gotschall & Turner was formed. While the foregoing indicates in some measure the advance which Mr. Gotschall has made in his profession, it tells little of the unwearied industry which has characterized him in all of his law work. He has secured many cases and lost a few. No one better knows the necessity for thorough preparation and no one more industriously prepares his cases than he. His course in the courtroom is characterized by a calmness and dignity that indicates reserve strength. He is always courteous and deferential toward the court, kind and forbearing toward his adversaries and examines the witnesses carefully and thoroughly, treating them with a respect which makes them grateful for his kindness and forbearance. His handling of his cases is always full, comprehensive and accurate, his analysis of the facts is clear and exhaustive and he sees without effort their relation and dependence and so groups them as to enable him to throw their combined force upon the point they tend to prove. In

his practice he has always made a specialty of corporation and commercial law and his clientage is now extensive.

At a recent date friends of Mr. Gottschall have urged his appointment by congress to succeed the late General Anderson as resident manager of the National Soldiers Home. Speaking of him in this connection Judge Dennis Dwyer said: "He is a first-class business man and would in every way, in my judgment, make fitting successor to the gentlemen who have occupied the position in the past. I have known him since he was a little boy going to the public schools and since he grew up to young manhood our relations have always been intimate and more especially during the twenty-four years that I served as judge in the several courts of this county. I can, therefore, truthfully say of him that as a lawyer he is always courteous to the courts, to his associates and to counsel opposed to him in cases; that he stands in the front rank of his profession as able, painstaking and honest, and is always faithful to the interest of his clients. As a citizen in all the relations of life Mr. Gottschall's character is above reproach and in her hour of need he gave to his country all that any patriot can give—his services as a soldier to preserve the integrity of the Union."

Mr. Gottschall was married April 15, 1869, to Miss Octavia True Soule, the daughter of Charles Soule, the artist, and Elizabeth Mead Soule, and they, happily mated, were separated by the death of Mrs. Gottschall July 19, 1908.

HARRY MORSE ESTABROOK.

Harry Morse Estabrook, vice president and general superintendent of the Barney & Smith Car Company of Dayton, was born in Cambridge City, Indiana, December 25, 1864, but in his infancy his parents removed to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he was reared. His father, Warren D. Estabrook, now deceased, was a native of Holden, Massachussets. The American progenitor of the family came from England in the seventeenth century, being one of two brothers who sought homes in the new world at that time.

In the public schools of Terre Haute, Indiana, Harry Morse Estabrook pursued his education through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1883. He afterward entered Chaffee's Business College, where he completed a course by graduation in 1884. Entering business life he began working for the West Shore Railroad Company at Frankfort, New York, in the motive power department, and there remained until August 17, 1885, when he came to Dayton and accepted a stenographic position in the office of the Barney & Smith Car Works. There his ready adaptability, faithful performance of every duty and entire willingness to serve his employers in the way they desired, led to his promotion from time to time until he became assistant superintendent, superintendent, then vice president and general manager. He is also one of the directors of the company and now occupies a position of executive control in an extensive enterprise which he entered in a humble capacity. Here is another indication of the well known fact that employers are constantly seeking competent assistants who readily take up ideas connected with

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the business, bring to bear common sense in the discharge of their duties and manifest at all times an unfaltering industry. He is also vice president and a director of the Kay & Ess Company.

On the 13th of September, 1888, Mr. Estabrook was married in Dayton, Ohio, to Miss Lulu B. Schaeffer and unto them have been born three children, Charles B., Mary A. and William H. The parents belong to the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Estabrook is identified with no secret order. His social nature, however, finds expression in his membership in the Dayton City Club, The Dayton Country Club and in the Bicycle Club, the members thereof finding him a congenial companion, always courteous and entertaining. He exercises his right of franchise in support of the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his constantly expanding business interests.

JOSEPH WILLIAM DEVERS.

Joseph William Devers, a conspicuous figure in financial and industrial circles of Trotwood, his native city, was born July 26, 1867, of German parentage. His grandfather was one of the early settlers in Pennsylvania, where he spent most of his life. Thomas Devers, the father of our subject, came to Ohio from Hancock, Maryland, when about thirty years old, and settled in New Antioch, Clinton county, where he still lives, being one of the oldest men of that city at the present time. He was a blacksmith by trade and the character of his work brought to him a good patronage. He wedded Amanda Michael and unto them was born one child, Alice D. After the death of his first wife he was again united in marriage, his second union being with Amanda Easterby. The children of this second marriage were Joseph William, Roy, Lena, Bessie and Ollie, while one child died in infancy.

Reared under the parental roof, Joseph William Devers acquired his education in the schools of his native city, and during the time not spent in the schoolroom he worked in his father's blacksmith shop or was engaged in farm work. When he at length put aside his text-books he went to Johnsville, Ohio, where he started in the blacksmith business on his own account. Although his beginning in the business world was a humble one, yet as the years passed they chronicled a steady increase in his patronage, while his diligence and perseverance have placed him among the prosperous, representative citizens of Trotwood. From a small blacksmith trade his business has developed until today he is proprietor of a flourishing carriage manufactory and general blacksmith shop. The building occupied by the enterprise was erected by Mr. Devers about two years ago and is one of the largest in the city, being a two story brick structure, located in the heart of the business district. From time to time, as he has prospered, Mr. Devers has extended the field of his activity along other lines and is today president of the Citizens Bank of Trotwood, having been elected to this position a year ago. He is also a stockholder in the Citizens Bank of

Trotwood and is associated with various other important enterprises of the city.

On May 8, 1889, Mr. Devers was united in marriage to Miss Carrie Reese, a daughter of Henry and Elmira (Fenner) Reese, the father being a prominent farmer of Clinton county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Devers have been born eight children: Grace, living at home; May; Ethel; Iona and Blanch at school; William; Opal; and Don D.

Mr. Devers political allegiance is given to the republican party and fraternally he is connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 754, and also holds membership with the Modern Woodmen of America, while his religious faith is that of the Christian church. He is an enterprising business man, whose success is due to the fact that he has put due valuation upon industry and close application, and the exercise of these qualities has brought him to his present prominent position in the business life of Trotwood, and he is held in high esteem by his fellow townsmen.

GEORGE A. McHENRY.

George A. McHenry, conducting a general insurance business in Dayton, while for twenty-five years he has been connected with this line of business here, is also a director of the Royal Remedy & Extract Company. His birth occurred on a farm in Hamilton county, Ohio, November 11, 1867, and in 1872 he arrived in Dayton with his father's family. He is a son of Samuel and Roselia E. (Fagaley) McHenry. The former was born in Hamilton county, Ohio, and devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits in that locality, passing away there in 1868. In early manhood he wedded Miss Fagaley and unto them were born six children, two sons and four daughters, of whom one daughter died in infancy, while the five reached adult age and four—George A. and his three sisters are still living. The mother also survives and yet makes her home in Dayton. The three sisters are: Mary A., the wife of the Rev. W. Kilbourn, a United Brethren minister of Piqua, Ohio; Nannie E., the wife of A. R. Harlacher, of Dayton; and Maria M., the wife of W. A. Gilbert, of Dayton.

It was about four years after the father's death that the widowed mother removed with her children to Dayton and in the public schools George A. McHenry, the youngest of the family, pursued his education until eleven years of age, when he began earning his own livelihood. He entered the employ of the United Brethren Publishing House in the book store where he remained for four years, after which he was variously employed for six months. Realizing how valuable is education as a preparation for the practical duties of business life, he resolved to supplement his early advantages by further study and with this end in view entered Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio. After leaving that institution he secured a position in the office of Benjamin Marot, an insurance man, and since that time has continued in the insurance business. He remained with Mr. Marot for eleven years and in 1896 established a general insurance agency on his own account. In the meantime he had become thoroughly

familiar with the business in all of its diverse interests and was therefore well qualified to build up a business of his own.

In October, 1897, Mr. McHenry was married in Dayton to Miss Mabel Eleanor Conover, a daughter of A. J. Conover, a prominent manufacturer and banker. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. McHenry has been blessed with two sons, Adams C. and Albert Eugene. Mr. McHenry was secretary of the Dayton Commercial Club in which he is a popular and valued member. He also belongs to the Dayton City Club and Dayton Country Club and is a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and at no time is he remiss in the duties of citizenship but puts forth effective effort in promoting the welfare and progress of this city along various lines. His enterprise in business has been the foundation of his present prosperity, making him well known in insurance circles.

JACOB EBY.

Jacob Eby is the owner of four hundred and thirty acres of fine farming land just on the edge of Carrollton, Ohio, and is well known as one of the leading and representative agriculturists of the community. Moreover, he belongs to one of the oldest families of this part of the state. He was born in Harrison township, May 2, 1849, and is the son of Adam and Susan (Mullendore) Eby. Adam Eby was a son of Christian Eby and the latter was an only son of Christian Eby, of Pennsylvania. The family is of Swiss lineage. Christian Eby, Sr., was born December 28, 1777, and died December 10, 1859. He removed to what was then Frederick county but is now Carroll county, Maryland, where he resided from 1830 until 1838. In the latter year he arrived in Montgomery county, Ohio, where three of his children had previously settled—Mrs. Elizabeth Cohler, John Eby and Christian Eby, all having taken up their abode near Farmersville, in Montgomery county, between the years 1832 and 1834. Samuel Eby had left Ohio and settled in Kosciusko county, Indiana, before Christian Eby reached the state and later John Eby also went to Indiana. Christian Eby followed farming in Montgomery county and was identified with its early development for a number of years. He passed away here, December 10, 1850. The grandfather of our subject, Christian Eby, married Susanna McDaniel. He was a native of York county, Pennsylvania, and first settled in Jackson, Ohio, in 1832. Later he removed to Preble county, Ohio, where his remaining days were passed. He still has a sister in Missouri, Mrs. Levina Baile, who is living at a very advanced age. Adam Eby, the father of our subject, was born in Baltimore county, Maryland, July 10, 1814. He became one of the wealthy farmers of Montgomery county and lived to the very venerable age of ninety years, when he passed away. He was the father of thirteen children but Jacob Eby is the only one living near West Carrollton or in this part of the county. The other living children are: Christian; James W., of Boston, Iowa; Ephraim, of Preble county, Ohio; Adam, of Orchard, Florida; C. L. V.,

of North Dakota; and Mrs. Susan Ulrich, of Jackson township, Montgomery county, Ohio.

Jacob Eby was educated in the schools of Montgomery county and was reared to habits of thrift and industry. Throughout his entire life he has been identified with agricultural pursuits. In his youth, through the training of his father, he became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil, and as the years went by he made steady progress in the business world and is now one of the leading agriculturists of Miami township, owning and tilling five hundred and nine acres of fine farm land. The place is situated just at the edge of Carrollton and is equipped with all modern improvements and accessories.

On the 8th of December, 1887, Mr. Eby was united in marriage to Miss Alice Baker, a daughter of Aaron and Nancy (Simpson) Baker. They have become the parents of six children: Dolly, Susan, Owen A., James, Jacob and Ethel.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Eby is an Odd Fellow, becoming a charter member of the lodge at West Carrollton. His brethren of that organization entertain for him high regard and in fact he is held in the highest esteem throughout the community. Moreover, he is known as one of the worthy self-made men of the county who owes his prosperity entirely to his own labors, careful management and business activity. What he undertakes he accomplishes if it can be done through earnest, honorable and persistent labor. He believes in progress, whether in agricultural or other lines, and his progressive spirit is manifest in the excellent appearance of his place. He is one of the best known men in this part of the county and his record has at all times been most commendable.

JOSEPH STRAUB.

Among the business enterprises which are contributing in stubstantial measure to the development and growth of Dayton is the Permanent Building & Savings Association, of which Joseph Straub is secretary. His life record began in this city, September 26, 1854. His father, Joseph Straub, was born in the Grand Duchy of Baden, Germany, in 1829, and in 1848 came to America as a young man of twenty years, locating in Montgomery county, Ohio. In 1851 he took up his abode in Dayton, where he carried on a business as a cooper and brewer. He served for about a year as a soldier in the Civil war, becoming a member of the Fifty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was married in Dayton in 1852 to Miss Kunigunde Maier and unto them were born six children, three sons and three daughters, all of whom are now living. The mother still survives but the father passed away on the 20th of February, 1909, after a residence of almost fifty-eight years in this city.

Joseph Straub, the oldest member of the father's household, acquired his education in the parochial school of the Holy Trinity parish, but put aside his text-books at the age of thirteen years and entered the employ of John Wenz, a retail grocer, with whom he continued for four years. On the expiration of that

period he entered the employ of Bunstine, Moses & Boyer, wholesale dealers in dry goods and notions in Dayton. He was with that house for four years, a part of the time as a representative in this city and during the remainder of the time as a traveling salesman on the road. In 1876 he entered the employ of C. C. Moses, wholesale dealer in notions, who was formerly of the firm of Bunstine, Moses & Boyer. A part of his two years' connection with that business was spent upon the road, and subsequently, after an experience in the candy business, he entered the employ of William Focks & Sons, meat packers. He was employed in different capacities by that firm for four years, when he opened a retail grocery on his own account, conducting it until May, 1907, when he accepted his present position as secretary of the Permanent Building & Savings Association.

In 1876, in Dayton, Mr. Straub was married to Miss Josephine Clemens, a daughter of Nicholas Clemens, and they have four living children: Henrietta; Ida; Marie and Helen.

Mr. Straub belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Holy Family parish, which indicates his faith in the Catholic church. In politics he is independent and yet he is not unmindful of the duties of citizenship nor does he withhold his support from movements that are calculated to promote public progress.

WILLIAM J. HARRIS.

William J. Harris, office manager of the department of water in Dayton, his native city, was born December 5, 1866, and here spent his youthful days, while his education was largely acquired in St. Joseph's school. Leaving school at the age of seventeen years, he then made his start in the business life by securing employment in a queensware store in Dayton, where he remained for two years. He was afterward connected with the firm of Shaffer & Cooper, manufacturers of harness appliances, for five years, during which period he had charge of piece work. His first public service was in connection with the postoffice, being appointed to a clerkship there in 1886. He spent about two years in connection with the mail service, after which he returned to Shaffer & Cooper, remaining with the firm until April 19, 1890. He was then appointed inspector and collector in the department of water and on the 4th of May, 1903, was promoted to the position of cashier. On the 1st of January, 1906, he left that position and became associated with his brother, John F. Harris, in an undertaking business, the relation between them existing until January 1, 1908, when William J. Harris retired from the firm to accept his present position as manager of the department of water in the city of Dayton. He has proved most capable in this office, his record being entirely creditable to himself and satisfactory to the general public.

Mr. Harris was married May 31, 1909, to Miss Alice Murray, a daughter of Charles W. Murray. He is a democrat in his political views, having stanchly supported the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, the Modern Woodmen Camp and St. Joseph's church. These associations indicate much of the character of his interests and the rules which govern his conduct.

He has a wide acquaintance in his native city, where from early boyhood the circle of his friends has constantly increased and he is popular among the different city officials who recognize his personal as well as his official worth.

EDWARD E. BURKHART.

In accordance with a noticeable tendency of the times to select business men of well known enterprise and public spirit to fill positions of trust and administer the affairs of the city, Edward E. Burkhart in November, 1907, was elected to the office of mayor of Dayton, in which connection he has given a businesslike administration, characterized by practical reform and improvement. A native of Sidney, Ohio, he was born October 27, 1872, and in the attainment of his education continued his studies through successive grades until he completed the high school course by graduation with the class of 1890. In that year he came to Dayton, where he entered the Miami Commercial College and subsequently, with the desire to make the practice of law his life work, he became a student in the office of Gottschall & Brown, well known attorneys, who directed his reading for eight months. At the end of that time he became connected as cashier and assistant manager with the Standard Wheel Company of Chicago, having plants at Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Indianapolis, Indiana. In 1895 he returned to Dayton and was associated with R. D. Marshall, general counsel of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company, as a law student. To further qualify for practice, in 1896 he matriculated in the University of Michigan and two years later was graduated with the class of 1898.

On leaving the university Mr. Burkhart returned to Dayton and for a year thereafter was in the law office of Marshall & Marshall. He then entered the law firm of Van Deman, Burkhart & Cline, which relation was maintained for three years, when Mr. Cline, who had been appointed city solicitor, was succeeded by John C. Shea, who was with the firm three years, when Wellington C. Smith succeeded him and the firm style of Van Deman, Burkhart & Smith was assumed. This is one of the leading law firms of the city, enjoying a large general practice that has connected them with much important litigation tried in the courts. Holding to high standards in the profession, giving to his clients the benefit of unwearied industry and of large talent, Mr. Burkhart became so widely recognized as an able, conscientious and progressive lawyer that his appointment to office followed almost as a logical sequence. In 1903 he was made a member of the board of health by Mayor Charles A. Snyder and served upon that board until it was abolished in 1905. In November, 1907, he was elected on the democratic ticket as mayor and is now serving as chief executive of the city. One of the local papers, some months after he had assumed the office, in an editorial said of him: "Mayor Burkhart went into office at a trying time. Previous administrations had bankrupted the city—left it floundering in a sea of debt, without funds to carry on the business of government and things generally were in a run-down condition. Then, he had been in office but a few weeks until the panic broke above him, and there were thousands and thousands of

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people thrown upon the city for sustenance. The mayor did not shun any duty but took hold of the helm and went to work. It is admitted in all cities that Dayton handled her relief problem advantageously. In fact, Mayor Burkhart and those associated with him handled the local situation in such a way as to win the praise of the people not only of this city but of other cities. There was not a single city in this country where the relief work was more effectively done, and not one where it was carried on with so little complaint. Not a breath of scandal was connected with the relief work here, and it must be remembered, too, that the mayor was wholly inexperienced in such work when he took hold. One of the favorable comments heard about Mayor Burkhart's administration is that he is always at his office, attending to business, and willing and anxious to meet every one who has a grievance or a suggestion. He is easily approachable, pleasant in his manner, honest and sincere in his demeanor and has more friends today than he ever had in his life. The mayor who is able to increase the number of his friends is making good."

Those who know Mr. Burkhart, and he now has a wide acquaintance in Dayton, recognize the fact that in all he does he is actuated by high and honorable principles. He belongs to the Lutheran church and to the Young Men's Christian Association and does not relegate to an inferior position, as an unimportant factor in his life, his duties and obligations in this connection. Prominent in Masonry, he has taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite and of the Mystic Shrine and also belongs to the Elks lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum and the Dayton Order of Harugari. His appreciation for the social amenities is manifest in his membership in the Dayton City Club, the Dayton Bicycle Club, the Comus Club, the Mystic Club and the Keystone Club. Thus Mr. Burkhart stands before the people today, worthily wearing the highest honors that they can confer upon him, known moreover as an able lawyer and a gentleman in whom the qualities of unfailing courtesy and upright principle are harmoniously blended.

EDWARD NEDER.

Edward Neder, editor of the Volks-Zeitung of Dayton, was born in Bavaria, Germany, in 1852 and in 1863 came to America, joining his father, George Neder, who had crossed the Atlantic the preceding year and had located in Buffalo, New York. The father's birth occurred June 15, 1828, in a small hamlet in the kingdom of Bavaria and he had the educational advantages offered by several of the leading European colleges so that he was well qualified to take a high position in the field of journalism. Ere leaving his native land he founded and edited the Wurzburger Journal, which has had continuous existence since 1854. In 1862 he sought the opportunities of the new world and became editor of one of the leading German papers of Buffalo, New York, where he resided until 1866, when he came to Dayton and founded the Daytoner Volks-Zeitung, of which he remained the owner and chief editor until his death. The publication was begun as a weekly paper, was afterwards made a tri-weekly and in 1876 became a daily. The

paper has always been an influential factor among the German-American residents of this part of the state and has been conducted in keeping with the most advanced ideas of modern journalism. Mr. Neder was recognized as a man of sound judgment and keen discrimination, of broad mind and of liberal education. He never sought to figure in public affairs aside from the path of his profession yet was called to serve as a member of the board of education for two terms and was for several years a member of the library board. He gave earnest support to many measures calculated to prove of public good and did valuable service for his countrymen in many ways. In 1849 he married Marianna Eckert and unto them were born eight children of whom four are now living. His wife passed away in 1893 and following his death, which occurred July 19, 1895, he was laid by her side in Calvary cemetery.

Edward Neder was a youth of fourteen years when the family removed to Dayton where he has since made his home. His education, begun in his native country, was continued in the schools of Buffalo and of this city and when he put aside his text-books he began learning the printer's trade under the direction of his father. In 1876 he left Dayton but returned in 1883 and was associated in business with his father until the latter's death, becoming successively foreman, manager and editor, assuming the duties of the last named position in 1893. He has always kept the paper up to its original high standard and it remains, therefore, an influencing factor in German-American circles.

Mr. Neder is a member of various German social societies. He is independent in politics, caring not to ally himself with any party but rather remaining as a free lance to champion the cause which he deems vital as a force in municipal, state or national affairs.

CHARLES M. KINZIG.

Charles M. Kinzig, president of the Peerless Laundry Company of Dayton, has always resided in Montgomery county, his birth having occurred upon a farm within its borders on the 28th of April, 1873. His youthful days were quietly passed in the work of the fields and in the acquirement of an education as a pupil of the country schools, but not desiring to make agricultural pursuits his life work, he came to Dayton at the age of twenty-five years and secured employment in the grocery store of C. L. Coy, with whom he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period he began business in the same line on his own account, so continuing for seven years, but thinking to find the laundry business a more profitable venture, in November, 1907, he organized the Peerless Laundry Company, of which he became the president and general manager. The enterprise has now been in existence for about two years, during which time the trade has constantly increased until the business is now a profitable and substantial one. Moreover, it is the visible evidence of the life of thrift and industry which Mr. Kinzig has lead. The laundry is equipped with the latest improved machinery and employment is furnished about fifty hands.

In 1899 occurred the marriage of Charles M. Kinzig and Miss Mary Bender, of Dayton, who died in 1907, leaving two children, Elmer and Marie. Mr. Kinzig belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Catholic church. His political views are in accord with the principles of the democracy and while he does not seek nor desire office, he gives to the organization his loyal support. His life is preeminently that of the business man who diligently day by day pursues his course, knowing that persistent and well directed effort constitutes the surest and most stable foundation upon which to build prosperity.

WILLIAM N. ARTZ.

William N. Artz, conducting a prosperous business as a furniture dealer of Dayton, was born in Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, September 3, 1859. He was seven years of age when his parents removed to this city, where he has since resided. His father, Joseph S. Artz, is a representative of one of the old families of the state. He was a son of Peter Artz, who was born in Maryland and made an overland trip to Ohio prior to the era of railroad building. He was in fact one of the early settlers of the state, locating here when much of the land was still unclaimed and uncultivated, where the forests were uncut and the streams unbridged. He settled on a farm near Fairfield, Ohio, but spent his last days in Dayton, where for years he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business, becoming one of the early prominent merchants of the city.

His family included Joseph S. Artz, whose birth occurred on a farm in Greene county, Ohio, in 1824, and he was reared to the work of the fields. Subsequently he engaged in the lumber and undertaking business in Germantown. On account of deafness he was rejected when he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union at the time of the Civil war. Removing to Dayton in 1866, he here established a lumber business, which he conducted for about eleven years and in 1877 he bought out the furniture firm of Chadwick & Beaver, and continued in that line of business for a number of years. He became well known as one of the enterprising merchants of the city, subsequently conducting an enterprise, which under his capable management constantly grew in volume and importance. He was married in Germantown, this county, to Miss Elizabeth Negley, a daughter of Captain W. H. H. Negley, and unto them were born eight children, of whom three died in infancy, while five reached years of maturity and still survive, namely: Ella, the widow of Henry Zell, of Columbus, Ohio; John D., a resident of Dayton; William Negley; Abraham Lincoln, who makes his home in Boston, Massachusetts; and J. Elam, a resident of Dayton. The mother of these children passed away in September, 1881.

On the removal of the family to Dayton, William N. Artz entered the public schools of this city and continued his education in that manner to the age of fifteen years, when he started out in the business world, entering the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company in the Dayton yards. He there remained for five years, rising to the position of conductor, after which he went to the Dayton & Ironton Rairoad and served that line as conductor for a year. He next entered

the employ of the firm of Artz & Ozias, the senior member being his father. They were dealers in furniture and William N. Artz, entering their employ, began delivering for them at a salary of seven dollars per week. He had been receiving one hundred and twenty dollars per month, but he wished to acquaint himself with the furniture trade and started in that humble capacity, knowing that the opportunity for advancement always comes to the man who is willing to work for it. Later he was made shipping clerk, afterward became salesman and eventually became one of the three owners of the store. Later the establishment became the property of Artz Brothers, but in 1904 William N. Artz purchased the interest of his brother and is now conducting the business under his own name. He has a large and well appointed furniture store, carrying a carefully selected line of goods of varying prices in order to meet the demand of the trade. His continuous endeavor to please his patrons, his reliable business methods and his activity and enterprise have brought him the measure of success which he is now enjoying and which he well merits.

On the 6th of April, 1882, Mr. Artz was married in Dayton to Miss Anna Baile, a daughter of Reuben Baile, and they have one child, Elizabeth Negley Artz. The parents attend the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Artz holds membership in Comus Club. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him, as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which are constantly growing in volume and importance and are bringing to him substantial and well merited success. There has been no esoteric phase in his career, nor has he ever sought by devious methods to win his prosperity, his record as a merchant being one which will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny.

CHARLES T. GAUVEY.

Charles T. Gauvey, possessing the requisite qualities of successful hotel manager, has devoted almost his entire life to this line of work and is now manager of the Algonquin Hotel of Dayton. He manifests much of the spirit of the pioneer in that he inaugurates new methods and executes original plans which work out in practical form for the comfort and convenience of the guests and for the benefit of the hotel.

Mr. Gauvey is a native of New Lebanon, Ohio, born January 13, 1876. His father, John G. Gauvey, was born in the same place in 1847 and there died July 29, 1908, when sixty-one years of age. Throughout his entire active life he was connected with the hotel interests of New Lebanon. He married Sophia Eckhart, and they had four children, namely: Cordie I., the wife of Samuel Blosser, of New Lebanon; Charles T., of this review; and Howard G. and John William, residents of New Lebanon.

Charles T. Gauvey was reared in the place of his nativity, attended the public schools there and after mastering the branches of learning taught in consecutive grades, came to Dayton, where he pursued a course in the Miami Commercial College. He completed the work there in 1894 and immediately afterward ac-

cepted the position of clerk in the Beckel House, where he remained for eight years. He was, as it were, "to the manner born," his father having always been a hotel proprietor, so that his interests and experiences from early boyhood were along that line. In 1901 he went to the Algonquin as clerk, proving a popular and efficient representative of the house in that connection, and in January, 1907, he became its manager and so continues. He displays excellent business ability and executive force in this position and his capable control is evidenced in the gratifying patronage which the house receives.

In 1898, in Dayton, Mr. Gauvey was married to Miss Effie M. Wolf, a daughter of Joseph Wolf, and their three children are: Marguerite Eva, Alice Elizabeth and Charles S., Jr. In his fraternal relations Mr. Gauvey is an Odd Fellow and he also belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is not a partisan in politics but is opposed to all misrule in municipal affairs and stands for progressive citizenship. In his chosen field of labor he is meeting with success and is not only recognized as a capable business man in his line but also has the social qualities which render him popular with patrons and many friends.

JAMES AUGUSTINE GREER.

There is in all the universe hardly an individual who is irresponsive to a tale of heroism as manifested by one who serves his country on sea or land. The record is one of unfaltering, unswerving fidelity to principle from which there is no lapse, and when promotion comes it is the indication not only of loyalty but of capability, readiness and resource in emergency and the possession of those commending qualities which enable the individual to obtain the instant obedience and cooperation of those who serve under him. The life history of James Augustine Greer, if written in detail, would furnish a story more thrilling than any tale of fiction. Entering the United States navy as midshipman on the 10th of January, 1848, he rose through successive promotions and remained in the service until retired on the 28th of February, 1895. In this connection he sailed on many seas, faced the guns of the enemy in the Civil war, made a trip to the polar regions on a relief expedition, was in charge of a ship whereon the youth of the younger generation were trained for naval duty, and at last was in command of the European squadron. Such are the outlines of a picture which, when filled in, is full of life, color, action and variety.

Admiral Greer was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 28, 1833, and his life record covered the intervening years until the 17th of June, 1904, when he passed away in Washington, D. C. There was in him in his youth an intensely patriotic strain that prompted him to enter his country's services when not quite fifteen years of age. He became a midshipman on the 10th of January, 1848, passed through all of the necessary drill and service of a minor character until successive promotions brought him to the position of master in 1855. The same year he was commissioned lieutenant and in the ensuing six years of peace was stationed at various points. When the Civil war was inaugurated, however, on board the steamship San Jacinto, in 1861, he assisted in the re-

moval of Mason and Slidell from the English mail steamer Trent. In 1862 he was made lieutenant commander and at different times commanded the ironclads Carondolet and Benton. He was also in command of a division of Admiral Porter's squadron on the Mississippi river and in passing Vicksburg on the 16th of April, 1863, he fought the batteries at Grand Bluff and was there almost forty-five days. Subsequently he had charge of the naval station at Mound City, Illinois, and soon afterward, in 1864, was given command of the flagship Blackhawk, thus serving until February, 1865. The succeeding year he was commissioned commander and in 1873 was in command of the steamship Tigress when she was sent in search of the Polaris, on which the celebrated Arctic explorer John Hall, made his last ill-fated expedition. The lost ship was found on the coast of Greenland. In 1876 further promotion came when he was commissioned captain and as such he commanded the training frigate Constitution, the old vessel which had been in active service in the war of 1812, again in the Mexican and also in the Civil wars and which has ever had a strong hold on the affections of the American people. Subsequently Captain Greer was assigned to the sloop Constellation, on which the government exhibits were sent to the Paris exposition of 1878, and his next assignment made him a member of the naval board of inspection and president of the naval examination and retiring board, in which capacity he served from 1885 until 1887 In 1886 he was commissioned commodore and in 1887 as acting rear admiral and was given command of the European squadron, so continuing until 1889. In the latter year he was made president of the naval examination and retiring board and so continued in active connection with the navy until, having reached the age limit, he was retired on the 28th of February, 1895.

Admiral Greer had been married in early manhood in Norfolk, Virginia, to Miss Mary Randolph Webb, the wedding being celebrated on the 26th of November, 1857. His record is without a blot, his promotions followed as the logical sequence of his ability and fidelity. Early in his career he learned that the soldier's first lesson is that of obedience and he became in later years an excellent disciplinarian, at the same time commanding the entire respect and good will of those who served under him. If there were ever wearisome hours in his life they were those of forced inactivity. He ever preferred active duty and his efforts were a potent force in maintaining the high standard of the navy which has recently had such signal triumph in its world tour. His closing years were passed at the seat of national government and for him the final roll call was sounded June 17, 1904. He was buried at Arlington with full military honors.

CHARLES H. BOSLER.

Charles H. Bosler is yet comparatively a young man but a review of his life indicates that his accomplishments would be creditable to many a man of older years. In public service and in private connections his labors have been attended with substantial and desirable results and Dayton honors him as a cit-

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izen of worth whose activities have always been of a progressive and beneficial character.

Mr. Bosler is one of Dayton's native sons, his birth having here occurred on the 8th of November, 1866. His youthful days were passed in the usual manner of lads of the period, his time being divided between the pleasures of the playground and the duties of the schoolroom until he had passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from the Central high school with the class of 1885. Soon afterward he entered upon the study of law in the office of Gunckel & Rowe, well known attorneys of Dayton, with whom he continued for a year. He next entered Denison University, at Granville, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1890 with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. He felt that more advanced education along literary and scientific lines was essential as a foundation for a preparation for the bar and, following his graduation, he resumed his law studies with his former preceptors and in March, 1893, was admitted to practice. He then opened an office and for a number of years continued in active connection with the profession, his ability winning him continual advancement. In the fall of 1893 his activities were called forth in legislative fields, for he was elected to represent his district in the general assembly, public approval for his first term's service being accorded in his reelection for a second term, during which time he served as speaker pro tem of the house. He was also on a number of important committees and was actively associated with much valuable legislation during those two terms. In 1896 he was appointed assistant city solicitor, which position he filled for a year, and then resigned to become chief counsel for the Ohio dairy and food department of the state service. To his duties in that connection he gave his undivided attention for several years and then resumed the private practice of law in Dayton. He did not confine his attention to one special department but represented many legal interests in various lines, in which he displayed comprehensive and thorough understanding of the principles of jurisprudence.

Mr. Bosler has now retired from the practice of law, however, and is engaged in the construction and operation of street railways. He built and is president of the street railway systems at Tulsa and Enid, Oklahoma; constructed the Dayton Street Railway of Dayton, Ohio; and has built several interurban roads in and near Dayton. He is also president of the Dayton Street Railway Construction Company, and the Burlington Gas Company of Burlington, Kansas; a director of the Enid Development Company, of Enid, Oklahoma; and is president of the Ada Water, Heat & Light Company, of Ada, Ohio. A man of resourceful ability, he has put forth his efforts in various lines and his well formulated plans are easily carried forward to success for they are based upon practical experience and thorough understanding of the needs of the situation.

In 1896 Mr. Bosler was married in Dayton to Miss Bessie Kumler, and they have two sons, Barrett Kumler and Richard Grayson. Mr. Bosler belongs to St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks nor is he neglectful of the higher, holier, duties of life, giving generous support to and manifesting deep interest in the First United Brethren church, in which he holds membership. In politics he has always been a stalwart repub-

lican, recognizing the obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and holding to the belief that every loyal American should support the principles which he deems most valuable in promoting the welfare and progress of the nation. His opinions have carried weight in the local and state councils of his party and he has frequently been a delegate to state conventions. Tireless energy, keen perception and a genius for devising the right thing at the right time joined to every-day common sense have constituted the salient qualities in his political and legislative services, in his law practice and in his development and control of various corporate interests.

REV. HOWARD PRIMROSE WHIDDEN, D. D.

Rev. Howard Primrose Whidden, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church of Dayton, was born July 12, 1871, at Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada. His parents were Charles Blanchard and Eunice Caroline (Graham) Whidden, the former a son of the Rev. John Whidden, a Baptist clergyman and the latter a daughter of David Graham, who was a ship owner. Charles Blanchard Whidden, successful in his business undertakings, was for many years a wholesale and retail dealer in provisions and groceries and was also well known as a ship owner and in other business connections. He was likewise for many years a leading layman in the Baptist denomination of the maritime provinces of Canada, was a trustee of Acadia College, and was likewise connected with the political and moral progress of his native province. Two brothers of the Rev. H. P. Whidden are yet living: D. Graham Whidden, a manufacturer of St. Lin, Quebec; and C. Edgar Whidden, a wholesale and retail provisioner and ship owner of Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

In early youth the Rev. H. P. Whidden had a strong desire to go into business life but later a definite conviction that the work of the gospel ministry should be taken up led to his immediate preparation therefor and his subsequent entrance therein at the completion of a regular course of training. He began his education in the public schools of Antigonish, Nova Scotia, and at the age of fourteen left home to prepare for college at the Horton Collegiate Academy, at Wolfville, Nova Scotia. Later he entered Acadia College in the autumn of 1887 when sixteen years of age and was graduated therefrom in the class of June, 1891, on the completion of the liberal arts course. The academy and college are both Baptist institutions of the maritime provinces of Canada. Before entering upon active preparation for the ministry he had experience in home mission fields during the summer vacations of 1890 and 1891. In September of the latter year he entered the Newton Theological Institution, at Newton Center, Massachusetts, while in January, 1892, he became a student in the divinity school of McMaster University at Toronto, Canada, where he completed the regular theological course and was graduated with the class of 1894. While pursuing his theological studies there he also filled the position of instructor in public reading and speaking. He has since taken post-graduate work in the Newton Theological Institution and the University of Chicago, and in 1906

the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Denison University, of Ohio.

Following his graduation in the spring of 1894 Dr. Whidden accepted the call to the pastorate of the Baptist church of Morden, Manitoba, and was ordained in July. On the 1st of October, 1896, he entered the University of Chicago for post-graduate work and after a serious break down in health in 1897 and a subsequent recuperation he accepted a call to the First Baptist church of Galt, Ontario. During the college year of 1899-1900 he gave instruction in the divinity school of McMaster University in addition to performing his regular pastoral duties in Galt and in the spring of 1900 he continued his educational work by accepting a call to the chair of biblical literature in Brandon College at Brandon, Manitoba, there continuing until January, 1904, when he came to Dayton as pastor of the First Baptist church, in which connection he has since been closely identified with the moral progress of the city.

Dr. Whidden was married in St. Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada, October 4, 1894, to Miss Katherine Louise Ganong, a daughter of James H. and Susan B. Ganong. Her father was a leading merchant of that point, while her eldest brother, William F. Ganong, Ph. D., is head professor of botany in Smith College. Her second and third brothers, James Edwin and Arthur D. Ganong, are manufacturers of St. Stephen and her fourth brother, Walter K. Ganong, is professor of electrical engineering in the University of Maine. Her only sister, Miss Susan B. Ganong, is principal of the Netherwood School for Girls at Rothesay, New Brunswick. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Whidden have been born six children: Charles Ganong, Susan Gwendolen, Evan Macdonald, James Gilbert, William Francis and Reginald Wilbur. Of these James G. died in infancy and William F. on the 9th of July, 1905, at the age of three years.

Dr. Whidden is recognized as one of the able representatives of the Baptist ministry and while his labors have largely been across the border in Canada he is well known to the denomination in the United States because of the excellent work he has done in connection with different pastorates and in educational lines. In the five years of his residence in Dayton he has endeared himself to the hearts of his parishioners and has enjoyed the good will and respect of the general public, who recognize that his labors are a telling force in the religious development of the city.

PETER D. BERRY.

Peter D. Berry is the proprietor and general manager of the P. D. Berry Company, conducting one of the most extensive nurseries in the county. He was born in Virginia on the 10th of July, 1860, a son of George and Mary (Connor) Berry. His maternal grandfather, Thomas Connor, was a native of Virginia and of Irish descent. George Berry, the father of our subject, was an agriculturist by occupation and participated in the Civil war as a soldier of the Confederate army. He died while in the service, having been stricken with fever.

His family numbered five children, namely: Feba, Susan, Peter D., George A. and Anna A.

Peter D. Berry obtained his education in the common schools and when not busy with his text-books gave his attention and interest to the cultivation of his home farm. When he had attained his majority he made his way to Montgomery county, Ohio, and here continued agricultural pursuits until twenty-seven years of age. About twenty-five years ago he organized his present business, established a nursery on the Brandt pike, about three miles north of Dayton, and began the growing of small fruit on a limited scale. By dint of unremitting and persistent labor, guided by sound judgment, he has gradually enlarged the concern until it is now one of the most extensive of this character in the county, having a wholesale mail order trade. He grows more raspberry tips than any other man in the entire state, also makes a specialty of gooseberry layer plants and in fact is very successful in the propagation of numerous other small fruit, trees, shrubs, etc. His success is directly attributable to his own energy and perseverance and he may justly be classed among the most substantial, progressive and leading citizens of the county.

On the 14th of March, 1880, Mr. Berry was united in marriage to Miss Clara B. Hyre, a daughter of John and Martha (Davis) Hyre. Her father was a prominent and prosperous agriculturist of Randolph township, Montgomery county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Berry have been born three children: Walter Glenwood and Edgar Earl, who are associated with their father in the conduct of the nursery; and Marie, who is at home. The parents are widely and favorably known throughout the community and their home is justly celebrated for its gracious and warm-hearted hospitality.

FRANK EYLER.

Frank Eyler, a farmer and breeder of thoroughbred horses, owns a well improved tract of land on section 4, Jefferson township. He was born in Frederick county, Maryland, on the 8th of November, 1859, his parents being Daniel and Sophia (Chreshaugh) Eyler, of Maryland. In the year 1876 Frank Eyler made his way to this state, locating in Jefferson township, Montgomery county. He has followed agricultural pursuits as a means of livelihood and owing to his untiring industry and indefatigable energy, has met with a gratifying measure of success in his undertakings, being now the owner of a valuable and productive farm on section 4, Jefferson township. He also has several fine stallions and is a well known breeder of thoroughbred horses, having recently imported a fine Percheron stallion from France.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Eyler chose Miss Almeda Hunter, whose birth occurred October 17, 1863, her parents being Charles and Susan Hunter, residents of Jefferson township. By this union there have been born eleven children, namely: May, whose birth occurred in 1884; Ada, born in 1886; Charles, in 1888; Howard, in 1891; Hazel, in 1893;

forth, in 1894; William, in 1897; Roscoe, in 1901; Florence, in 1900; Franklin, in 1903; and Bertha, who was born in 1905.

Mr. Kyler is a stanch advocate of the principles of the Democratic party and served for two terms as pike commissioner on the Germantown pike in Jefferson township. He belongs to the Junior Order of United American Mechanics at Dayton, Ohio, and is a respected and highly esteemed citizen of this county, where he has now made his home for almost a third of a century. He owes his advancement in life entirely to his own perseverance and well directed labor and is wholly worthy the regard which is uniformly accorded him.

CHARLES W. SCHAEFFER.

No city depends for its growth and upbuilding upon one or even a few individuals. It is the united and concerted effort of many who produce the result. He whose name introduces this review is well known in business circles as the senior partner of the firm of Schaeffer & Gengnagel, dealers in coal and building materials. His close application and unfaltering energy constitute the basis of his success, which has gained him place among the substantial residents of Montgomery county.

One of Dayton's native sons, he was born January 20, 1867. His father, David W. Schaeffer, was a native of Germantown, Montgomery county, and removed from the village to the city, where his remaining days were passed. He was well known as an insurance man and continued in that line until his death, which occurred in Dayton in 1894. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting September 15, 1861, at the age of thirty-five years. He enrolled for three years' service and was transferred as a private from Company I to Company H of the Thirty-fifth Ohio Infantry. He was appointed first sergeant and was promoted to the rank of second lieutenant, October 24, 1862, while on the 19th of March, 1864, he became first lieutenant, being mustered out with the rank of captain on the 8th of September of the same year. The regiment was mustered in on the 24th of September, 1861, at Camp Hamilton, Ohio, by P. H. Breslin, captain of the Eighteenth Infantry, U. S. A., and was mustered out September 27, 1864, at Chattanooga, Tennessee, by William G. Wedemeyer, first lieutenant Sixteenth United States Infantry. The battles in which he participated were as follows: Siege of Corinth, Mississippi, April 30, 1862; Perryville, Kentucky, October 8, 1862; Tullahoma campaign, June 23 to 30, 1863; Chickamauga, Georgia, September 19 and 20, 1863; Missionary Ridge, Tennessee, November 25, 1863; Buzzards Roost, Georgia, February 25 and 27, 1864; Dalton, Georgia, May 9, 1864; Resaca, Georgia, May 13 to 16, 1864; Kenesaw Mountain, Georgia, June 30, 1864; Pine Mountain, Georgia, June 14, 1864; Pine Knob, Georgia, June 19, 1864; and Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, July 20, 1864. Mr. Schaeffer was also at one time on active duty as deputy sheriff of Montgomery county and in every relation of life, whether in political, military, business or social circles, he was ever an honored and honorable gentleman. He married Catherine Starr and unto them were born

two sons, Charles W. and George S. The wife and mother passed away in February, 1909, at the age of seventy-nine years.

Charles W. Schaeffer spent his youthful days in Dayton and at the usual age entered the public schools, wherein he pursued his studies to the age of eighteen years. He was afterward graduated from the Miami Commercial College, in 1885 and immediately afterward accepted a position as bookkeeper with C. H. Starr, being thus employed for a period of seventeen years or until 1902. He then formed a partnership with Mr. Gengnagel, under the firm style of Schaeffer & Gengnagel, for the purpose of dealing in coal and building materials and during the seven years of its existence the firm has enjoyed constantly growing patronage that makes their trade a very profitable one at the present time.

In 1892 Mr. Schaeffer was united in marriage to Miss Anna Gengnagel and they have one daughter, Kathryn Alberta.

Mr. Schaeffer is prominent in Masonic circles. He has attained the Knight Templar degree in the Scottish Rite and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, to the Knights of Pythias and to the United Commercial Travelers, No. 3, of Dayton. He is also a member of the Stillwater Canoe Club and the Commercial Club, while his religious belief is indicated in his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church in Riverdale. In politics he is an active republican, taking much interest in the work of the party and doing all in his power to secure the adoption of its principles. He has twice acted as secretary of the republican executive committee. Those who know him in political, in business or in social relations all speak of him in terms of high respect and regard. He has worked his way upward in business life, achieving success not through any occult methods but by reason of his persistent energy, guided by resistless will power and by the most straightforward principles.

WILLIAM F. KRAMER.

William F. Kramer whose sterling traits of character won him the unqualified regard of all with whom he was associated while his business interests carried him into important relations with the industrial and manufacturing affairs of Dayton, was a native of Montgomery county, having been born in this city on the 14th of June, 1853. Here his entire life was passed and his record was in contradistinction to the old adage that "a prophet is never without honor save in his own country," for in the city of his birth, where he spent his entire life, he was accorded the honor and respect which are logically given in recognition of high principles and upright manhood. His parents were William and Caroline (Egry) Kramer. The father, a native of Germany, became a resident of Montgomery county, Ohio, when it was still a largely undeveloped region. He was a wine manufacturer and owned a fine farm near Dayton, on which he raised fruits and grapes from which he made select wines, the excellence of his product insuring him its ready sale upon the market. He had a wide acquaint-

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ance in Montgomery county and the sterling qualities of himself and his family won them free entrance into the best homes of the city.

William F. Kramer, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the schools of Dayton, after which he learned the trade of blacksmithing and wagon-making, following those pursuits for many years. He made gradual advancement in his business and as each forward step brought him a wider outlook and broader opportunities he at length determined to extend the scope of his activities and organized the Buckeye Wagon Works for the manufacture of everything needed in the construction of vehicles. From a small beginning this enterprise developed rapidly and substantially until it became one of the leading industries of the city. He was also the inventor and patentee of the low-down, short-turn, gear wagon. The factory is located on Canal near Third street and constitutes one of the leading productive industries of the city. Mr. Kramer was also interested in several insurance companies and his name was on the directorate of the Cooper Insurance Company.

On the 2d of February, 1876, Mr. Kramer was united in marriage to Miss Philipena Fahnert, of Dayton, and unto them were born three children, but the eldest, Minnie, is now deceased. Those still living are Mrs. Charles Wallenhaupt, of Dayton, and Mrs. William L. Wirsching, also of this city.

Mr. Kramer held membership in Mystic Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He was likewise connected with Humboldt Lodge, Knights of Pythias, and with Howard Council of the Royal Arcanum. His life was always in harmony with the beneficent teachings of these organizations and he was in hearty sympathy with their basic principles of universal brotherhood and mutual helpfulness. Death came to him on the 16th of August, 1908, when he was fifty-five years of age, and his demise was the cause of deep regret among his business associates and friends. He had builded an important industry in the city, had at all times been a cooperant factor in measures for the general good, and in private life had manifested those sterling traits of character which in every land and clime awaken confidence and regard.

W. D. McKEMY.

W. D. McKemy, who for nine years served as judge of the probate court and is now engaged in the general practice of law in Dayton, where his personal characteristics as well as his legal ability make him an honored and respected member of the profession, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, February 14, 1843, his parents being William and Elizabeth (Kirkpatrick) McKemy. He is descended in both paternal and maternal lines from north of Ireland families although the Kirkpatricks came of Scotch ancestry while the McKemys are purely Irish in the ancestral strain. The American branch of the family was founded by John McKemy, who in his youthful days crossed the Atlantic and established his home in Virginia, where the remainder of his life was passed. He was a farmer by occupation and the only interruption to his agricultural pursuits came when he served his adopted country as a soldier in the war of

1812. His son, William McKemy, born in the Old Dominion, spent his entire life in that state and there married Elizabeth Kirkpatrick. Unto them were born eight children but Judge McKemy is now the only survivor.

In the picturesque Rockbridge county of Virginia Judge McKemy spent his youthful days on his father's farm and in a country school acquired his education. He was only eighteen years of age when on the 5th of August, 1861, he espoused the cause of his loved southland and joined the Confederate army, becoming a member of Company H, Twenty-fifth Virginia Volunteer Infantry. The regiment was attached to the brigade and division commanded by General "Stonewall" Jackson and Judge McKemy was present when that brilliant military leader lost his life through a mistaken volley fired by his own troops. Judge McKemy continued at the front until June 30, 1865, when he was discharged. He had been captured May 12, 1864, at the battle of the Wilderness and was sent to Point Lookout, Maryland, whence he was transferred to Elmira, New York, remaining there until after the close of the war. When released he at once returned to his home, continuing a resident of Virginia until 1866, which year witnessed his arrival in Ohio.

Locating in Darke county, Judge McKemy there remained until the spring of 1868, since which time he has been a resident of Dayton. Owing to the fact that his early educational advantages were somewhat limited he had resumed his studies in the common schools of Virginia after his return from the war and had also been a high-school student in Greenville, Ohio, until his graduation with the class of 1867. Subsequently he engaged in teaching for a year or two but his attention was drawn to the legal profession through his connection with the probate court, in which he served as deputy clerk while in Darke county. He occupied a similar position with Judge Dwyer after removing to Dayton and held other public offices, filling the position of deputy recorder under Johnson Snyder for three years. For two and a half years he acted as deputy sheriff and bookkeeper under Sheriff Patton and then became deputy county treasurer, filling the position for three years under H. H. Laubach.

In the meantime Mr. McKemy had taken up the study of law, devoting every available hour to the mastery of legal principles. He was admitted to the bar in 1878 and the following year became a candidate for probate judge but was defeated by a few votes. Entering upon the active practice of law he spent three years in the work of the profession, after which he was nominated and this time was elected probate court judge. At the close of his term of three years he was again made the democratic candidate and later was chosen for a third term so that his incumbency in the office covered nine years. In 1890 he resumed the private practice of law and his ability has been manifest in his able handling of various important cases, some of which have been of much more than local interest. He has a mind of judicial cast, largely free from personal bias or prejudice and with a strongly developed analytical trend that enables him to readily determine and utilize the strong points in his case.

In March, 1873, Judge McKemy was united in marriage to Miss R. Florence Haise, of Union city, Randolph county, Indiana, and unto them have been born a daughter and two sons: Gertrude L., John W. and Harry G. The family is prominent in the social circles of the city and one of the strong characteristics

of Judge McKemy is his loyalty in citizenship. In fact he never wavers in his allegiance to any cause or to any person in whom he is particularly interested. His fraternal relations are with the Odd Fellows, and for a number of years was connected with various orders but has lately dropped his membership, preferring to spend his spare time in the family circle. He has always given stalwart support to the democracy and has served as a member of the city board of elections. In 1884 he was a delegate to the democratic national convention in Chicago which nominated Grover Cleveland. His opinions have carried weight in the councils of his party for his judgment relative to political activity is sound and reliable.

JAMES DYE CETONE.

James Dye Cetone is a gardener of Harrison township, and the owner of nine acres of fine land on South Broadway, about two miles from the courthouse. He is the son of Stephen Cetone, by his second wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Ellen Dye. Stephen Cetone came to this country from France at the age of sixteen and located in Dayton. He had received some of his education in the land of his birth but spent several years in the schools here after his arrival, becoming proficient in the language and habituated to the customs of his country which was to be his new home and at the same time supplementing the formal part of his education. Different pursuits claimed his attention for a number of years until he finally took up gardening, cultivating a piece of land he had acquired in Miami county. About the time he decided to rest from the active cares of life he came to this county, which he made his home until his death. Mr. Cetone was married twice. Of his first wife and her children mention is made in the sketch of George Cetone in another part of this volume.

James Dye Cetone was born April 8, 1858. He completed the course of study laid down by the schools of Miami county and later attended the Miami Commercial College, from which he was graduated. During the years of his school life, however, he worked diligently on his father's farm, so that he was well prepared to enter either the business world or assume the cares of life on a farm. The call of the outdoors, with its cultivation of numerous fresh edibles, eventually proved stronger than the confining life of the city and to it he devoted his energies. In 1890 he came to Montgomery county and bought his present farm. Then it was not its present size, however, or in its present excellent condition, for many an acre represents a great number of hours of patient toil and careful planning. Gradually he was able to add to its extent and steadily he increased its productiveness, until now it is regarded generally as one of the most valuable truck farms in the county.

On the 5th of May, 1890, Mr. Cetone was united in marriage to Miss Adeline Bossler, the daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Hoover) Bossler, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and never left that state. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Cetone: Ethel, who was graduated from school in the spring of 1909; Estelle and George F., who are still attending school. The

family attend the Miami chapel of the United Brethren, of which Mr. Cetone is a trustee and of whose official board he is secretary.

Mr. Cetone has fraternal relations with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for he is a member of Lodge No. 243, at Troy, Ohio, in which he is conspicuous as a man deeply interested in the welfare of his fellows and in advancing the standard and ideals of the lodge. He is also a member of that spirited band that denominates itself the Protective Home Circle. Perhaps his greatest interest in public affairs is evinced as a member of the school board of Harrison township, upon which he has served for the past two years. Here he exerts his influence for the betterment of the township institutions of instruction and is ever in the vanguard of those who work for progress. His efforts meet with the approval of the community where he lives, and he is widely respected as a man and a citizen.

HON. WILLIAM BROADWELL SULLIVAN.

Hon. William Broadwell Sullivan, an able and representative attorney of the Dayton bar, who creditably served as police judge and is now giving his attention to the private practice of law, was born February 13, 1856, in the city which is still his home, in fact having never moved from the limits of the territory which is now included in the first ward. His father, Stith M. Sullivan, was born in Dayton in 1822, a son of William Sullivan, a native of Virginia, who arrived in this city during an early epoch in its history and continued his residence here until his demise in 1844. With the upbuilding and development of Dayton during its formative period as well as in its later years of progress and improvement the Sullivan family has been active and helpfully connected. Stith M. Sullivan was here reared and educated and in 1848 was admitted to the bar, giving his attention to the profession throughout the years of a long and active career. For many years he also served as commissioner of insolvents. He married Miss Amy H. Broadwell, also a native of Dayton, and they became the parents of seven children, of whom four sons and two daughters are yet living. The mother died in 1891, while the father survived until 1894. One daughter of the family, Lucy W. Sullivan, has for twenty years been a missionary in India, representing the Methodist Episcopal church.

William B. Sullivan, entering the public schools at the usual age, displayed special aptitude in the studies and at the age of seventeen years was graduated from the Central high school with the class of 1873. He afterward entered Lafayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania, and was graduated therefrom in 1878. Returning to Dayton he took up the study of law under the direction of the well known law firm of Gunckel & Rowe and was admitted to the bar in October, 1880. He then entered upon active practice in his native city and, imbued with laudable ambition, he has steadily worked his way upward, never neglecting the arduous work of the office which must always precede the successful presentation of a case before the courts. In 1885 and 1886 he was in partnership with A. A. Thomas, after which he continued in practice alone until February, 1904,

when he was appointed by Governor Myron T. Herrick as police judge, to fill the vacancy caused by the promotion of Judge E. T. Snedeker to the common pleas bench. At the regular election in November, 1904, Judge Sullivan was chosen for the full term of three years and during his incumbency proved a capable presiding officer in the court, his decisions being based upon equity and a comprehensive knowledge of the law, so that his opinions were invariably sustained by the higher courts. On retiring from the bench he resumed the private practice of law and has been accorded a liberal clientage for it is well known that his preparation of cases is thorough, while his arguments are characterized by perspicuity, logic and a correct application of legal principles.

On the 21st of April, 1891, at Xenia, Ohio, Judge Sullivan was married to Miss Helen Hypes and for the past fifteen years they have occupied the same residence on Robert boulevard. They are well known in the social circles of the city. Being very fond of travel, they have several times toured the continent as well as visited the principal places of interest in the United States.

Judge Sullivan is a prominent representative of the Masonic fraternity and is now serving as senior warden of Dayton Lodge, No. 147, A. F. & A. M. He belongs to Unity Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M.; Reese Council, No. 9, R. & S. M., of which he is deputy master; Reed Commandery, No. 6, K. T., of which he is now eminent commander; while in the Scottish Rite he is a past potent master of Gabriel Lodge of Perfection; while on the 18th of September, 1906, he was especially honored in that he was crowned with the thirty-third degree in the Supreme Council at Boston. For ten years and up to the time of the dedication of the new Masonic Temple he was secretary of the Masonic Temple Company which completed the Masonic building on South Main street. The Judge likewise belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks; takes great interest in his college fraternity, the Phi Delta Theta; and is at present the secretary and treasurer of the Pan Hellenic Association. Nor is he neglectful of the higher and holier duties of life but gives to religious work his earnest endorsement as an active member of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, of which he served for twenty years on the official board. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is observant of all the duties of citizenship and in sympathy with movements that tend to promote the intellectual, social, material and moral progress of Dayton.

HARVEY SWANK.

Harvey Swank, who is successfully engaged in general merchandising at Trotwood and is a prominent citizen of the town, was born on the 21st of September, 1867, his parents being David and Mary (Baker) Swank. Eli Swank, the grandfather of our subject, was one of the early settlers of Pennsylvania and subsequently journeyed across the mountains to Darke county, Ohio, taking up his abode on a tract of timber land. His son, David Swank, who was a native of Darke county, there carried on agricultural pursuits throughout his active busi-

ness career and owned a two hundred acre farm, known as the old Swank homestead, of which Harvey Swank, of this review, is one of the heirs.

In his youthful days Harvey Swank divided his time between the work of the home farm and the duties of the schoolroom and after putting aside his textbooks he continued on the home place until about thirty years of age, when he became engaged in general merchandising at Laura, Ohio. On selling out his interests there he removed to Georgetown and about seven years ago returned to Trotwood and for four years was engaged in the elevator business and later became the successor of T. M. Wagner in the mercantile circles. Although his residence here covers a comparatively brief period, he has already won for himself an enviable reputation as a progressive and enterprising business man, owing to his well selected and attractive line of general merchandise, reasonable prices and honorable, straightforward methods. His establishment is one of the largest country stores in the county and in addition to its management and control he is also serving as assistant postmaster of Trotwood.

On the 19th of February, 1887, Mr. Swank was united in marriage to Miss Lydia E. Miller, a daughter of David and Sarah (Stoltz) Miller, who lived in the vicinity of the Swank home near Georgetown, the father being a very prominent agriculturist. By this union there are two children. Raymond, who is a high school graduate, is engaged in teaching school at Trotwood and is also a student in Oxford College, pursuing the classical course. Sylvia, who is likewise a high school graduate, resides at home. Mr. Swank and the members of his family attend the Church of Christ and take an active and helpful part in the work of the church and the extension of its influence. In manner he is genial and cordial and his good qualities are such as have endeared him to those with whom he has come in contact and brought him warm friendships.

EDWARD A. DEEDS.

Edward A. Deeds, the second vice president and assistant manager of the National Cash Register of Dayton, was born on a farm near Granville, Ohio, March 12, 1874. Marked business ability and scientific attainments have brought him to the present position of responsibility which he occupies. His advancement has come through his wise utilization of his opportunities. His youth was spent amid rural surroundings and his early education was that offered by the public schools. Later he entered Denison University at Granville, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896, and subsequently he had one year's training in special electrical engineering in Cornell University.

Entering into active connection with the business interests of Dayton in 1897 he was employed by the Thresher Electric Company for two years and then took charge of the engineering department of the National Cash Register, his special college course well equipping him for this work. After two years he resigned that position to take charge of the construction work of the National Food Company, a plant costing over two million dollars. He was occupied with that mammoth task for two years, after which he returned to Dayton and

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again entered into active connection with the National Cash Register Company as second vice president and assistant manager. He is not only well equipped by his practical and scientific knowledge of engineering to direct much of the work done by the company but also displays excellent ability in administrative direction and executive control. Recognizing the fact that there are continually problems to be solved in connection with the control of any important business concern he bends his energies to their successful solution and his keen discernment and unwearied industry are as well factors in the success of the business.

On the 5th of June, 1901, Mr. Deeds was married in Dayton to Miss Edith Walton, a daughter of the late Samuel Walton and they have two sons, Charles Walton Deeds, and Edward Andrew Deeds, Jr. In his political views Mr. Deeds is a republican because of a belief in the principles of the party, but is without aspiration for office. He belongs to the First Baptist church and in more specifically social lines is connected with the Dayton City Club, the Dayton Country Club and the Automobile Club of America. Fraternally he is associated with the Masons, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while in lines relative to the science in which he is particularly interested he has become a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the American Institute of Electrical Engineers and the American Electro-Chemical Society. Since his entrance into business life his advancement has been uniform, indicating the continual growth of his business powers and capacities, and a laudable ambition and unfaltering enterprise will undoubtedly lead him into still more important connections with business circles.

JOHN S. CETONE.

Among the younger class of men of Van Buren township, Montgomery county, who are meeting with a creditable degree of success in their business venture is John S. Cetone, a native of this county, who was born in the old Smith homestead on Olive street in Dayton on the 5th of August, 1870. He is a son of Henry and Anna (Rote) Cetone, the former one of the oldest gardeners in this section of the county. Born in Miami county, Ohio, he came to this county when a young man and has since made his home here, remaining today an active factor in the business circles of Van Buren township. John S. Cetone is the oldest member of a family of seven children, the others being: Harry, Edward, Leo, Frank, William and Mamie.

Reared in the city of his nativity, John S. Cetone acquired his education in the public schools of Dayton, and after laying aside his text-books became identified with the soap-making and cement manufacturing industries. After devoting some time to this line of activity he took up gardening, in which line of activity he is still engaged. He has conducted his enterprise along strictly business lines, has employed modern and up-to-date methods and has manifested an ability for good management, so that the success which he now enjoys has come to him as the logical result of well directed energies.

On the 29th of October, 1903, Mr. Cetone was united in marriage to Miss Anna Myers, a daughter of John and Elnora Myers. The father, who was a chain-maker by occupation, is now deceased. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cetone have been born four children, namely, Robert, Ralph, Elnora and Alice.

Mr. Cetone is a member of the Emanuel church and takes an active and helpful interest in the church work. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party but he has never been an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his private business interests. He is not remiss, however, in the duties of citizenship, but lends his influence to all matters which have for their object the substantial and permanent growth and upbuilding of the community. Although still young in years, he has already attained a creditable degree of success and in this locality where his entire life has been spent, he has acquired a large circle of warm friends, whose respect, esteem and good will he enjoys.

WILLIAM STANLEY McCONNAUGHEY.

The spirit of intense activity characteristic of the present age is as evident in professional circles as in industrial and commercial lines and it has been this spirit which, characteristic of the legal career of William Stanley McConnaughey, has brought him prominently before the general public as a leading attorney at law practicing at the Dayton bar as a member of the firm of Ferneding, McConnaughey & Shea.

He was born in Tippecanoe, Ohio, February 13, 1873. His father was born in Miami county, Ohio, in 1816, and died in the year 1902. He followed agricultural pursuits until middle life. His family numbered five children, of whom four survive, including William S. McConnaughey, who resided in his native city to the age of eighteen years, during which time he pursued a public-school education and was graduated from the high school with the class of 1890. His initial step in a professional career was in educational lines for, after completing his high-school course, he devoted two months to teaching in a country school. The remainder of the winter was spent as a student in the Miami Commercial College in Dayton, after which he devoted a year and a half to stenographic work for the National Cash Register Company.

Leaving that position in 1892 Mr. McConnaughey entered the law office of Gottschall & Brown for the purpose of preparing for the bar and after thorough preliminary reading was admitted in 1896. He at once entered upon active practice in connection with the firm with which he had previously studied and thus continued until January 1, 1903, after which he practiced alone until September, 1906. At that time he became a member of the present well known and successful law firm of Ferneding, McConnaughey & Shea. The firm has an extensive and important clientage, has been connected with many legal cases tried in the courts of the district and its enviable reputation is based upon the many favorable verdicts which they have won.

Mr. Connaughey was appointed referee in bankruptcy in 1903 and is now filling that position. While he exercises his right of franchise in support of

the men and measures of the republican party he does not seek office nor has he any political ambitions. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum, the Mystic Lodge and to the Third Presbyterian church, which associations indicate much of the nature of his interests and the rules which govern his life.

NATHAN G. WORLEY.

Nathan G. Worley, who for the past fifteen years has been numbered among the leading and successful business men of the county, being engaged in general merchandising at Trotwood, was born on his father's farm, then situated about a half mile east of Trotwood but now within the corporation limits of the city, on the 16th of March, 1843. His parents were William and Mary (Higgins) Worley, and his paternal grandfather was Nathan Worley, who, leaving Kentucky in 1805, became one of the early settlers of Dayton, Ohio. William Worley, the father of our subject, who was born in 1812 and carried on general farming as a life work, was one of the prominent agriculturists of his community and eventually came from Jefferson township to Trotwood. Caleb Worley, brother of William Worley and an uncle of Nathan G. Worley, valiantly served his country throughout the war of 1812. In the family of William and Mary (Higgins) Worley there were seven children, namely: Amos H., Caleb and Elizabeth, all of whom are deceased; Nathan G., of this review; Martha and William H., who have also passed away; and Mary B., a resident of Farmersville.

Nathan G. Worley attended the district schools in the acquirement of an education and when not busy with his text-books assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm. At the time of the Civil war, his patriotic spirit being aroused by the attempt of the south to overthrow the Union, he enlisted as a member of the One Hundred and Thirty-first Infantry, at Dayton, and did valiant and faithful service under Colonel John G. Lowe, of Dayton. When hostilities had ceased he was honorably discharged at Columbus and returned home with a creditable military record. For the past fifteen years he has conducted a general store on Main street, in the town of Trotwood, dealing in all kinds of merchandise, and his well selected and attractive line of goods and earnest desire to please his customers has insured him a profitable and growing patronage.

On the 7th of November, 1867, Mr. Worley was united in marriage to Miss Marie Stillwell, of Troy, Ohio, a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth (Sayers) Stillwell, who are very prominent and well-known residents of Troy, the father being a leading agriculturist of Miami county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Worley have been born four children, namely: Horace, who married Miss Lena Weaver; Walter, who wedded Miss Edna Reese, of Clinton county, by whom he has a daughter, Ruth; Wilbur, who passed away at the age of twenty-four years; and Helen E., the wife of J. E. Stafford, of Trotwood, by whom she has a daughter, Evelyn.

Mr. Worley is one of the oldest members of the Christian church and is serving as deacon and clerk. In his business life he has met with a measure of success that is indicative of his ability and enterprise, of his careful management and keen discrimination, and he is now classed with the substantial residents of Montgomery county. Having always made his home here, he is well and favorably known and is widely recognized as a worthy representative of a family that has figured prominently in the annals of the county for more than a century.

JOHN KRAMER.

Only that individual can be said to have lived worthily and well when the news of his demise brings a feeling of deep and sincere sorrow to those who were his associates while he was yet an active factor in the world's work. Few men have passed through life who have been more deeply and truly mourned than was John Kramer, who for sixty years was a resident of Dayton and for many years one of its most prominent, reliable and respected merchants. His labors contributed to the commercial prosperity of the city as well as to individual success and in the conduct of the complex interests of a growing business enterprise he at all times held steadily to the most honorable course, never taking advantage of the necessities of another in any trade transaction.

Mr. Kramer was a native of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, his birth there occurring on Christmas day in 1843, his parents being George and Elizabeth Kramer, who in 1850 removed with their family to Dayton. During his last years John Kramer was the only male survivor who lived in the little log cabin now standing in Van Cleve Park, this being the first house erected on the site of the present city. The public schools of Dayton afforded him his educational privileges, his youth being divided between the duties of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were assigned him by parental authority.

He was but seventeen years of age when, in response to the country's call for troops, he enlisted for three years' service on the 20th of June, 1861, becoming a private of Company A, Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at Camp Denison. There he was also mustered out on the 20th of June, 1864, by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment. He was severely wounded at South Mountain on the 14th of September, 1862. He participated in all of the engagements in which his company took part save the battle of Antietam, for at that time he was lying wounded in the hospital. He took part in the second battle of Bull Run, the battles of Frederick City and South Mountain, Maryland; Hoover's Gap and Tullahoma in Tennessee; Lane's Church, Chickamauga, Rossville Gap and Lookout Mountain, Georgia; Missionary Ridge, Ringgold, Buzzards Roost, Rocky Face Ridge, Resaca and others of lesser importance, making a record as a brave, intelligent soldier, his course winning him the commendation of the officers throughout the regiment. But a boy in years, his valor was equal to that of many a veteran of twice his age.

After giving three years to faithful, devoted service to his country, Mr. Kramer returned to his home in Dayton and here made his initial step in the business world

by securing a situation in the hardware store of Langdon & Fowler. Later he was employed in the same line by Rogers, Engle & Keifer, which eventually became the well known hardware firm of Kramer, Viot & Company, through various changes in partnership. For forty-two years Mr. Kramer was identified with the commercial interests of the city. His career was remarkably successful, chiefly by reason of his natural ability and his thorough insight into the business in which he embarked as a young tradesman. Early in his business career he performed all the duties that devolved upon him, however humble and however small the recompense might be, conscientiously and industriously. Thus from time to time his faithfulness and ability won him promotion until in the course of years he became senior partner of one of the most prominent mercantile enterprises of the city. Like other business men he may not have found all days equally bright but his rich inheritance of energy and determination enabled him to turn defeats into victories. His strict integrity, business conservatism and judgment were always so universally recognized that he enjoyed public confidence to an enviable degree and thus witnessed a steady increase in his business. For twenty years he was a director of the Dayton National Bank.

In 1874 Mr. Kramer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Durst, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. (Jost) Durst. Her father was a member of the Durst Milling Company. There were four sons of this marriage: Horace, George, Jost and Edward, all residents of Dayton.

The death of the husband and father occurred September 15, 1907, when he was sixty-three years of age and was laid to rest in Woodland cemetery. He was ever devoted to his friends and loyal to the interests of this city, yet his best traits of character were reserved for his own home and fireside, where he was known as a devoted husband and father. He belonged to the Union Veterans League and enjoyed meeting with his old army comrades.

From an editorial which appeared in the Daily Herald we quote the following: "A life of quiet, unostentatious usefulness closed with the death of John Kramer. For over forty years he marched in the ranks of Dayton's soundest and safest citizenship; giving to business, to family, to church, and to the community the fruits of a high character and the devotion of a strong personality. It is upon such lives as his that the enduring structure of this city has been builded; it is to such men as he that Dayton owes her prosperity in every right direction. In mercantile and financial circles John Kramer's name stood as the synonym of integrity; to his employes it stood for the most generous and considerate treatment. His was a good life, well spent; and the city is the poorer for its ending."

J. D. KRAMER, M. D.

Dr. J. D. Kramer was born on the 9th of October, 1878, in Dayton, where he has made his home throughout life. He began his education in the public schools of this city, which he attended until his graduation from the Steele high school in June, 1898. He then went to Philadelphia and entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1902 with

the degree of M. D. At that time he was a member of the William Pepper Medical Society and also the Phil Gamma Delta fraternity. On finishing his course at the university he spent two years in the hospitals of the east, doing post-graduate work, and later went to Vienna, Austria, where he attended clinics and lectures for one year.

On his return to the United States in 1906 Dr. Kramer came direct to Dayton, where he entered upon the practice of medicine and has since followed his profession in this city. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Society, the Montgomery County Medical Society and the Dayton Academy of Medicine. He is also a member of the William Pepper Medical Society and is serving on the staff of St. Elizabeth Hospital.

WILLIAM KIEFER CALLAHAN.

Among Dayton's native sons who made for themselves an honorable and creditable place in the business circles of the city was William Kiefer Callahan. It is true that he entered upon an enterprise already established, but unlike many sons of successful fathers, he did not regard his father's accomplishments as something which would give him honor and standing without his individual effort and with firm and high purpose he sought to make for himself a name as powerful and as honorable as his father's in business circles. This he not only accomplished, but wrought along even larger lines in keeping with the spirit of growth and progress of the age.

Dayton numbered William Kiefer Callahan among her native citizens, his birth having here occurred on the 8th of January, 1864, his parents being William P. and Elizabeth (Kiefer) Callahan. At the usual age he was sent to the public schools and after completing his course here he spent four years as a student in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, of Boston, where he secured a splendid training in both the theory and practice of applied mechanics. He then returned to make his home permanently in Dayton, but the young man did not yet consider himself ready to assume a responsible position in the manufacturing plant of which his father was then the leading spirit, although there were then, as now, plenty of openings awaiting men with the right sort of training and ability. He resolved that he would thoroughly acquaint himself with the business in every department and thus by personal knowledge be competent to direct and control the labors of others. Therefore he entered the shop, where he worked as an apprentice for two years, at the end of which time he had mastered every detail of the vast industry and was fully equipped for any position the business might afford him. He was then admitted to the firm in 1885 and at once became a factor in the work of administrative direction and executive control. After the death of his father he had charge of his estate and was for many years the controlling spirit of the manufacturing firm of W. P. Callahan & Company, one of the largest in the city. He was a man of strong, aggressive spirit, accomplishing what he undertook, for his ready adaptability en-

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abled him to understand and utilize conditions and to make his way along the path of continuous and substantial success.

Mr. Callahan's efforts were by no means confined to one line of undertaking or activity. His sound judgment and his undaunted enterprise were influencing factors in the management of various important business concerns. He was the president of the Gem City Building & Loan Association, also a director of the City National Bank, the Dayton Gas Light & Coke Company, the Royal Remedy & Extract Company and the Miamisburg Hydraulic Company. He was likewise the president of the Ohio Paper Company, whose plant was also located at Miamisburg. He had marked ability in coordinating forces into a unified whole and thus producing a strength that could not otherwise have been achieved. His business judgment was recognized by all as most sound and reliable and constituted a moving force in the attainment of success for many enterprises.

In 1891 Mr. Callahan was married to Miss Lida Ohmer, a daughter of George Ohmer, of this city. Mrs. Callahan died seven years later leaving a daughter, Charlotte. Mr. Callahan had extensive fraternal relations, having attained the thirty-second degree in the Scottish Rite of Masonry, while with the Mystic Shrine he was also identified. He was likewise a charter member of the Elks society and was in hearty sympathy with the fraternal spirit underlying those organizations. There was nothing narrow nor contracted in his nature, nor was he ever led to endorse any movement inimical to the city's best good. He wrought along large and beneficial lines in public affairs as well as in business and ever sought the welfare of his native city.

ELIHU THOMPSON.

Elihu Thompson, senior partner of the law firm of Thompson & Thompson, has long occupied an enviable position at the Dayton bar, nor have his influence and labors been inconsequential factors in molding municipal affairs. In all that he does he is practical, being a man of action rather than theory, and his efforts have wrought along the lines of the greatest good to the greatest number. He is one of Montgomery county's native sons, his birth having occurred about ten miles north of Dayton in Randolph township, October 13, 1837. His parents, James F. and Mary Ann (Riley) Thompson, were both natives of Pennsylvania but about 1820 became residents of Montgomery county, Ohio, James F. Thompson accompanying his father, Aaron Thompson, of Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, who at that time brought his family to this state. Mrs. Thompson was a daughter of Isaac Riley, who died in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, the mother afterward bringing her family to Montgomery county, Ohio.

Reared to the occupation of farming, James F. Thompson always followed that pursuit and was recognized as a leading representative of his calling and as a citizen of genuine worth. His fellow-townsmen, appreciating his ability and his loyalty in public affairs, called him to the office of constable, in which he served for fifteen years in Randolph township, while for six years he was justice of the

peace in Jackson township. Twice he was elected land appraiser and was sent to the state legislature, faithfully representing the interests of his district in the general assembly. His wife died in 1887, when seventy-four years of age, and he survived until December 10, 1890, passing away when nearly eighty years of age.

Reared on the home farm to the age of eighteen years, during which time he pursued his early education in the district schools, Elihu Thompson afterward entered the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, and at the age of nineteen took up the profession of teaching, to which he devoted his energies for eight years. During the summer months he continued his own education and while teaching he devoted his leisure to the mastery of legal principles, largely equipping himself through private study for the practice of the profession. However, he attended for a time the law college at Cleveland and was graduated therefrom May 26, 1862. On the 4th of August of the same year he responded to the country's call for military aid and at Miamisburg, Ohio, enrolled as a member of Company E, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was in a hospital at Lexington, Kentucky, when the Union forces were there defeated by General Kirby Smith and was taken prisoner. A week later he was paroled but was held within the rebel lines for ten days longer. When he left their lines near Patriot, Switzerland county, Indiana, he made his way to Camp Chase at Columbus and on the 29th of October, 1862, was honorably discharged because of physical disability. On the 9th of December, 1863, Governor Tod commissioned him adjutant of the Second Regiment of Ohio Militia, with which he served as first lieutenant as long as the organization was maintained.

Following the termination of his military experience Mr. Thompson entered upon the practice of law March 10, 1864, in Dayton, and for forty-five years has been a representative member of the bar of this city. The court records give the proof of his ability, which has been manifest in much important legal work both as counselor and advocate. For five years he practiced in partnership with W. H. Belville and for three years was associated with James P. Whitmore, while for one year he was a partner of James A. Mumma. He then practiced alone for some time but on the 1st of January, 1907, formed a partnership with his nephew, Francis M. Thompson, who is also his legally adopted son.

Soon after his return from the army Mr. Thompson was married in May, 1865, to Miss Elina Jane Gregg, of Springboro, Ohio, who died in September, 1866. For his second wife he chose Miss Bell Whitmore, of Dayton, whom he wedded in September, 1868, and in this city they have long been accorded a prominent place in social circles where intelligence is regarded as a necessary attribute to congenial companionship.

Mr. Thompson holds to the Unitarian views, while his wife is a member of the Presbyterian church. He has given much attention to the study of theology and has written several valuable papers on theosophy and delivered several lectures on that subject in Cincinnati, Dayton and other cities. He is a profound thinker and logical reasoner, strong in his deductions and clear in statement. The same qualities are manifest in his discussion of political ques-

tions. He has always been a stalwart advocate of the principles of democracy and in 1869 was elected on the party ticket prosecuting attorney for Montgomery county and by reelection continued in the office for four years. As a member of the board of education through two terms he has done effective service for the cause of the public schools and afterward became a member of the city board of police commissioners, serving for two terms and acting as president of the board for one year. Under his direction the excellent police force of Dayton was organized and his service in the department was characterized by great efficiency. In 1890 the bar association of Dayton elected Mr. Thompson substitute for Judge Elliott of the common pleas court and he ably presided on the common pleas bench for six months. Although he is now in his seventy-second year, he still remains an active and valued member of the profession and his opinions on every subject of vital import, being largely judicial in cast, are listened to with interest and attention by those who hear his expression.

HENRY BLUST.

Henry Blust, successfully engaged in business as a wholesale and retail butcher of Dayton, is a worthy native son of this city, his birth having occurred at the corner of Troy and Air streets on the 28th of December, 1869. His parents were Joseph and Anglies (Zink) Blust, the former a native of Germany, who came to the United States in early manhood and took up his abode in Montgomery county, Ohio. He has been numbered among the respected and esteemed residents of this county for sixty years and is now a retired agriculturist, making his home on the Blust place in Wayne township. During the Civil war he served his adopted country as a soldier of the Union army. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, as follows: William and Joseph, who are deceased; Leon; Mary; John; Henry, of this review; Frederick; and Laura. The parents are still living.

Henry Blust was reared and educated in Dayton, attending the common schools until fourteen years of age, when he began learning the butchering business and has since been identified with that line of activity. Twelve years ago he established his present business and by unremitting energy and capable management has built up an extensive and profitable trade, being now one of the prosperous and enterprising representatives of the butchering business in the county. About a year ago his sausage factory was destroyed by fire, incurring a loss of three thousand dollars, but he soon rebuilt and now has a good modern factory. With undaunted spirit he set to work to retrieve his lost possessions and that his efforts have been crowned with success is indicated by the large and increasing patronage which is accorded him. The family home, which he erected, is a handsome and commodious structure and is doubly attractive by reason of the generous and cordial hospitality dispensed by its inmates. In former years Mr. Blust was in very poor health and was obliged to undergo several operations but is now completely cured.

On the 22d of June, 1899, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Blust and Miss Amye Stiner, a daughter of John and Clara (Heiser) Stiner, both of whom are still living. Her father is a butcher in the employ of our subject. She has two sisters: Laura, the wife of J. I. Geiger, and Ella, the wife of Jesse Woodman, both of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Blust have a daughter, Catharine, now three years of age.

The family are devoted and consistent members of the Emanuel church, doing all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Mr. Blust also belongs to the Young Butchers Association and to the Moose and in all the varied relations of life has displayed those sterling traits of character which have won him the friendship and esteem of those with whom he has been associated. He has lived a life of activity and has depended upon his own labors to win success in face of the competition which is always to be met with in the business world and which constitutes the stimulus of every activity.

JACOB ZINK.

Jacob Zink, a wholesale and retail butcher of Van Buren township, where he owns about three acres of land and one of the finest homes in that part of the county, was born January 2, 1845, at the old Four Mile House in this county. His parents were Joseph and Teresa (Nann) Zink. The father came from Baden, Germany, when he was a boy and attended school both in the old country and in the new world, being afforded good opportunities for acquiring an education. He afterward learned the brick making trade and later turned his attention to the butchering business, with which he became connected in Dayton. He always lived near the city and in the conduct of his business affairs met with substantial and gratifying success. When death claimed him his remains were interred in a cemetery on Main street but later were removed to Calvary. He was the father of ten children: Frances; Jacob, of this review; Joseph, a resident of Ohio; John, living in Indiana; Frank, of Dayton; Charles, of Tippecanoe; Edward, deceased; William, of Indiana; August, living in Springboro, Ohio; and Emma, whose home is in St. Louis. The family comes of good old German stock, the grandparents being Jacob and Regina Zink, who came from Germany and located in Pennsylvania. Subsequently they removed to Ohio and resided with the subject of this review.

Jacob Zink was reared in the usual manner of farm lads and in his youthful days attended the Kiser school. When twenty-four years of age he embarked in business on his own account, having up to this time worked for his father save for two years which he spent in the employ of a brother-in-law. He first started in the butchering business for himself on West Third street and later removed to North Dayton, where he remained for some time. Subsequently he made his way to the section of the county in which he now lives, having here made his home for the past twenty years. He conducts a successful business as a wholesale and retail butcher, having a large patronage which makes his business one of importance and also a gratifying source of revenue.

On the 12th of January, 1879, Mr. Zink was married to Miss Helena Jergens. Unto this union twelve children have been born: Frances, the wife of Clifford Espy; John, who married Rhoda Hurless and has five children, John, Edna, Harry, Ralph and Charlotte; Helen, who is living at home; Dan, a resident of Dayton; Benjamin, who married Mrs. Laura (Wollenhopt) Muth and has a son Norbert; Samuel, who married Myrtle Bellmar and has a son Frederick; Tressa, the wife of R. J. Lehman, by whom she has three children, Geneva, Cecelia and Clarence; Lawrence, at home; Elizabeth, the wife of Joseph Hirish; Anthony, Philip and Viola, all at home.

Mr. Zink and the members of his household are all communicants of the Catholic church and are prominent in church affairs. He has led a busy, active and useful life and has won success by his unfaltering diligence and perseverance. In 1904 he erected a fine residence, which is one of the best in his part of the county and in the rear stand large and commodious outbuildings, while upon his place are all modern equipments. The house is at the corner of East drive and Lebanon pike and is celebrated for its warm-hearted hospitality.

CLEMENTS JACOB HOCHWALT.

Clements Jacob Hochwalt is the owner of five acres of arable land excellently adapted for gardening, on College street, about two miles from the courthouse in Dayton. He is the son of Fred and Catherine (Schmidt) Hochwalt, the account of whose coming to this country is given in the sketch of Charles Hochwalt. Clements Jacob Hochwalt grew up with the other members of his family on the home place and has made Harrison township his abode during all his life. He attended the schools of this section until he had completed the required course of study and during this period of training worked for his father on the farm. In the days of his boyhood he suffered from a severe illness that left its mark in a slight lameness, which, however, is not sufficient to impede his walking or to attract attention to himself. Aside from this the years of his life have passed quietly enough, the varying tasks from day to day occupying most of his waking hours, and each bringing with it its own measure of reward for good work performed.

On the 20th of April, 1890, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Hochwalt and Miss Elizabeth Theis, the daughter of Theodore and Elizabeth (Brandenburg) Theis, who are farmers of Montgomery county. This union has been blessed with nine children. Leona, the eldest, is at present living at home. She is a young girl who has evinced more than the usual fondness for study and has enjoyed many advantages in schooling, for in addition to the county schools she attended the school of the Sacred Heart, and then finished her education in the convent at Notre Dame. Richard, the second of the family, assists his father on the farm. Alfred has passed away. Irvin, Edith and Lillian are still in school, while Ethel, Jeanette and Clemens keep the home joyous with their childish play. The family belong to the Sacred Heart church, are regular in attendance at its services, and their daily life gives evidence of their adherence to its teachings.

Mr. Hochwalt is one of those stalwart men upon whom the strength of the nation is builded; he fulfils his obligations as a citizen of this republic quietly but effectively. He is earnest and diligent in his work, has won his measure of success, and has the respect of all who know him.

HENRY CHAMPLIN GRAVES.

Henry Champlin Graves is a retired capitalist of Dayton, who for many years was connected with industrial interests but when his business enterprise had brought to him a handsome competence he retired to enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He is yet financially interested in some of the important business enterprises of the city but leaves active management to others. His record indicates that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously for his business principles and actions have always been based upon the rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity and industry.

Mr. Graves is a native of the Empire state, his birth having occurred in Horseheads, New York, in 1836. His father, Dr. Henry M. Graves, was born in that state in 1794 and died in Horseheads, near Elmira, in 1846 when about fifty years of age. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Wilcox, was a native of England and, following her husband's demise, she came with her little family to Dayton, where her remaining days were passed, her death occurring in this city in 1886. The daughter of the family is Mrs. Isabella Gilbert, the widow of Jacob B. Gilbert and a resident of Florida.

Henry C. Graves spent the first twelve years of his life in the place of his nativity and then accompanied his mother on her removal to Dayton, where in the public schools he continued his education which had been begun in Horseheads. He attended school to the age of twenty years and entered business life as a clerk in the employ of J. B. Gilbert & Company, a wholesale grocer with whom he continued for twelve years, during which period he gained a thorough and comprehensive knowledge of the trade and the methods in vogue in the business world at that date. On the expiration of that period he and his brother bought out Mr. Gilbert and carried on the business for twelve years, after which Henry C. Graves retired in order to concentrate his energies upon other business ventures. He began the manufacture of agricultural implements under the firm style of Marshall, Graves & Company, the business being thus continued until 1883, when it was merged into the Ohio Rake Company, at which time Mr. Graves became a stockholder. In 1883 he turned his attention to the manufacture of boilers as senior partner of the firm of Graves & Marshall and was associated with the industrial interests of the city for ten years, or until 1898, when the business was turned over to the sons of the founders and is yet conducted by them. Mr. Graves has made judicious investments in excellent dividend paying enterprises. He is still a director of the Dayton Gas, Light & Coke Company, of which he was the vice president for twenty-six years, and is also a director in the City National Bank.

HENRY C. GRAVES

In Dayton in 1863 Mr. Graves was joined in wedlock to Miss Sarah J. Dickey and they have two sons: William Dickey, the secretary of the Ohio Rake Company; and Henry C., of the firm of Graves & Marshall, manufacturers. Mr. Graves belongs to no secret order. He votes with the democracy and for four years was police commissioner. He has learned to correctly value life's contacts and experiences, has sought connection with those things which constitute factors in the world's progress in material, social, intellectual and moral lines and wherever known is honored and respected because of his close conformity to such principles as command respect and confidence in every land and clime.

ROBERT R. DICKEY, SR.

The life work of Robert R. Dickey, Sr., was so varied, so extensive and so honorable in its purposes that his history is inseparably interwoven with the annals of Dayton through a period of more than a half century. Fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation, he was honored wherever known and most of all where he was best known. He stood as a representative of the best type of citizenship and when he passed from the scene of earthly activity it was the uniform expression throughout Dayton that the world was better for his having lived.

His life record began during the pioneer epoch in the history of Ohio, his birth occurring near Middletown in Butler county, October 26, 1816, his parents being Adam and Mary (McKee) Dickey. The father was a native of County Antrim, Ireland, where he was born in 1768. As a young man of eighteen years he made the long and tedious voyage across the Atlantic in a sailing vessel and located near McConnellstown, Pennsylvania, in 1784. He had been a resident of that place for about six years when, in 1790, he wedded Mary McKee, a native of Pennsylvania and a second cousin of George Washington. Three children were added to the family while they maintained their residence in McConnellstown, whence, in company with an uncle, they started westward to Ohio, locating at Cincinnati, then known as Fort Washington. The trip was made on the Ohio river on flatboats which Mr. Dickey had built and on which he brought two four-horse teams and two wagons. While at Fort Washington he was joined by two brothers who came from the Emerald isle to the new world. He devoted his attention to the manufacture of brick and from the brick of his kilns was built the first brick house in Cincinnati. After four years there passed he took up his abode near Middletown, Butler county, in 1803, and turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, milling and distilling, making shipment of his produce to the New Orleans markets on flatboats of his own construction. His activity and enterprise constituted features in the early development of that part of the state, where he continued his residence until his death in 1828, while his wife survived until 1844.

From the age of eleven years, when his father died, Robert R. Dickey was dependent upon his own resources. Prosperity had attended the father through his business activities for many years, but shortly prior to his death, he met

with reverses occasioned by fires and other misfortunes, and there was little left to the family when he passed away. At a time when most boys were attending school Robert R. Dickey therefore was providing for his own support, but in the school of experience he learned many valuable lessons and was constantly broadening his knowledge through investigation and contact with the world. He made his initial step in business life as an employe in a brickyard, where he was paid less than five dollars per month in compensation for labor that averaged fourteen hours per day. Subsequently he was employed at farm work at five dollars per month and in 1830 he was employed upon the public work of Ohio and Indiana by his brothers, who were made contractors. His adaptability and ready resource enabled him to advance until at the age of seventeen he was made superintendent of a large gang of men, his sound judgment well equipping him for this position of responsibility.

It was in the year 1842 that Mr. Dickey became a resident of Dayton, where he engaged with his two elder brothers, John and William, in quarrying stone until 1853. Ever watchful of opportunities, he sought out new lines of business that would yield profitable returns, and in 1847, in connection with his brothers, placed a line of packet boats on the Wabash and Erie canal and later, as a member of the firm of Doyle & Dickey, built the locks at St. Mary's and at Delphos. Extending his activities in still another direction, he became one of the organizers of the Dayton Bank in 1845 and served for several years as one of its directors. Thus through his energy and keen business discernment he became recognized as one of the foremost representatives of industrial, commercial and financial activity in his adopted city. In 1852 he became one of the stockholders in the Exchange Bank with Jonathan Harshman, Valentine Winters and J. R. Young. The following year chronicled his connection with the Dayton Gas, Light & Coke Company, of which he became a large stockholder, while in 1855 he was elected its president. He served as its chief executive officer for three years, when ill health compelled him to resign, although he continued as a director. In 1880, however, he was once more chosen chief executive officer and continued in the position until January, 1907, when the infirmities of age necessitated his retirement and he was succeeded by his only son, Robert R. Dickey, Jr. He was also extensively identified with other important business concerns. From 1868 he was one of the directors and largest stockholders of the Dayton National Bank and from 1894 to 1897 was the head of the Globe Iron Works. He was also president of the Dayton & Western Railroad Company, now a part of the Pennsylvania system, and was one of the directors of the Cooper Hydraulic Company. Whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion. He was watchful of every opportunity and had the ability to coordinate forces, bringing them into harmonious unity, resulting in the attainment of the desired end. His labors were always of a character that contributed to the city's development and progress as well as to individual prosperity, and at no time was he too busy with his private concerns to take an active and helpful interest in matters of general moment.

On the 17th of June, 1850, Mr. Dickey was married to Martha J. Winters, a daughter of Valentine Winters and a representative of one of the well known pioneer families of Dayton, her native city. Her father was for some years a

leading financier of the community and her grandfather, the Rev. Thomas Winters, was an honored pioneer minister of the Miami valley. Mr. and Mrs. Dickey became parents of three sons but two passed away ere the father's death. William W. Dickey, who was born in 1852, died July 15, 1896, and Valentine, born in 1855, died March 30, 1890. Extended mention is made of the surviving son, Robert R. Dickey, Jr., on another page of this work.

The death of the husband and father occurred September 14, 1908, when he was in the ninety-second year of his age. He was one of Dayton's oldest citizens, not only in years but also in length of his residence here, having for sixty-six years made his home in the Gem city, which was a place of only about six thousand population at the time of his arrival. His labors were an important factor in making it one of the most prosperous and beautiful cities of Ohio. It was characteristic of him that he was neglectful of no duty, either of a public or private nature. Every movement of progressive citizenship received his endorsement and his cooperation, and in his business life he was notable as one who never made engagements that he did not keep nor incur obligations that he did not meet. Denied the advantages of any but the most meager educational discipline, he nevertheless won a place among the far-sighted, intelligent men—men who learned to correctly value life's opportunities and its purposes. His own success never affected in the least his interest nor his friendship for others less fortunate. He judged men by their character worth and not by their possessions, and yet his own life stands as a splendid example of the success to which an individual may attain by persistent, honorable effort. His friends were numbered among the young and old, the rich and poor, and there is none who does not entertain for Robert R. Dickey the most sincere respect and confidence. His reputation for business integrity was unassailable and he ever maintained the strictest justice in his dealings. He ever held to the highest standards of manhood in every relation, and at last passed to his reward full of years and honors, but his memory is yet cherished in the hearts of all who knew him.

ROBERT R. DICKEY, JR.

It has been said that the most difficult position in which any man can be placed is that in which he must stand comparison with a successful and honored ancestry, for the world is apt to judge of his work not by its individual merit but rather to claim that its accomplishment has its rise in inherited tendency or in favorable influence. In the control of important business interests, however, Robert R. Dickey, Jr., has proven his own strength and given indication of his enterprise, his initiative spirit and a strong and stalwart purpose. Born in Dayton in 1867, his youthful days were spent in the home of his father, Robert R. Dickey, Sr., and his preliminary education was acquired in the public schools. The father determined that the son should not be handicapped by a lack of education as he was in his youthful days and sent him to a preparatory school in Easthampton, Massachusetts. Desirous of enjoying still higher educational

facilities, Robert R. Dickey then entered Yale University, from which he was graduated in 1888.

Following his return to Dayton, he started in business life as assistant secretary in the Dayton Globe Iron Works, continuing in that position until 1893, when his previous experience and developed powers led to his selection for the position of secretary. Four years later, in 1897, he was chosen president and treasurer of the company and now occupies this dual position, in which connection he is devoting his energies to executive control and administrative direction. In other fields of labor he has also given proof of his keen business discernment and powers of systemization. He was one of the organizers of the Acme Sign Printing Company in 1894, became its first president and so continued for eleven years, while at the present time he is secretary and treasurer of the American Board & Box Company, their successors. He is also the vice president of the Cooper Hydraulic Company and from 1899 until 1908 was secretary of the Dayton View Hydraulic Company. For four years he has been director and for two years vice president of the Winters National Bank, is a director in the Oakwood Realty Company, in the City Railway Company and in the Dayton Country Club Company, while since 1907 he has been president of the Dayton Gas Light & Coke Company. In all these positions he has proven that he is liberally equipped with the force of character and ambitious spirit that are necessary in the accomplishment of results in the business world, and in all of his undertakings he keeps in close touch with the spirit of modern business enterprise and progress.

In 1894 in Dayton Mr. Dickey was married to Miss Myrtle Thacker, a daughter of Newton Thacker, and they have one son, Robert R. Dickey, III. The parents hold membership in the Episcopal church, in which Mr. Dickey is serving as a vestryman, and their attractive personal qualities have won them notable social prominence.

OSWALD CAMMANN.

The insurance business is a comparatively recent enterprise but its benefits are so obvious that it has grown with remarkable rapidity and there is no town that does not have its representative of one or more of the old line insurance companies. The volume of business which Oswald Cammann has secured in this direction makes him one of the substantial citizens of Dayton, where he has lived for three decades or more.

He was born in New York city in 1869, a son of Oswald and Susan (Harshman) Cammann. His father's birth also occurred in the eastern metropolis in the year 1842 and he died there in 1868, when but twenty-six years of age. In the meantime he had done active duty with the famous Seventh New York Regiment in the Civil war and was with that command in all of its engagements and military experiences, including the suppression of the draft riots in New York in 1863. He married Miss Susan Harshman, of an old and prominent family of that name in Dayton.

After his removal to the middle west Oswald Cammann continued his education in private schools of Dayton. Pursuing his studies to the age of twenty years, he then entered the Winters National Bank, where he continued for three years. Since that time he has been in insurance lines and has thoroughly informed himself concerning every branch of insurance and its manifold advantages.

In the year 1895 Mr. Cammann was married in Dayton to Miss Nellie Hanna and they have one son, Oswald. Mr. Cammann belongs to Christ Episcopal Church, in which he has been vestryman for a number of years and in the work of which he is deeply and helpfully interested. In politics he is a democrat but not active. He served on the Dayton Park Commission for some years and is interested in all those movements and measures which are relative to the city's upbuilding, progress and improvement but he cares nothing for the emoluments and honors of office as such. He is the secretary of the Miami Valley Hospital and is the treasurer of the Dayton City Club. His interests are those of a broad-minded man, who recognizes the trend of the times as manifest in the keen, alert interest seen at the present day in many lines of thought and action. What he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents and the directing of his efforts along lines where mature and sound judgment has led the way.

BARRY S. MURPHY.

It is a notable fact that a large majority of able attorneys are of Irish birth or trace their parentage to the Emerald Isle. This perhaps may be accounted for in part by the versatility which is a national characteristic and which enables the individual to readily appreciate and understand each situation of a legal procedure and place a correct value thereon. As the name indicates Barry S. Murphy is of Irish lineage although one of the native sons of Montgomery county, in which he is now successfully practicing law as senior member of the firm of Murphy, Elliff & Emanuel. His birth occurred on a farm, August 26, 1863, and he is a son of Dennis Murphy, who was born in County Cork, Ireland, in 1828, and came to America in 1849. For twenty-five years he was a member of the Dayton police force and his death occurred in this city in June, 1900.

When a little lad of five years Barry S. Murphy was brought by his parents to this city, acquiring his early education in St. Mary's Institute, while subsequently he was graduated from the high school. He entered business life as a reporter on the Journal and also engaged in teaching in the country schools for a time but, thinking to find the practice of law more congenial and profitable, he began reading in the office of Iddings & Iddings and in due time was admitted to the bar. He remained, however, in the office of Iddings & Iddings for seven years, having varied experiences in legal work, both in the preparation and trial of cases.

On the expiration of that period Mr. Murphy formed a partnership with the late J. C. Patterson, which continued for thirteen years, and after its dissolution he was joined by C. W. Elliff in a partnership in which A. Emanuel became associated in July, 1908. Their law business is now important and of a repre-

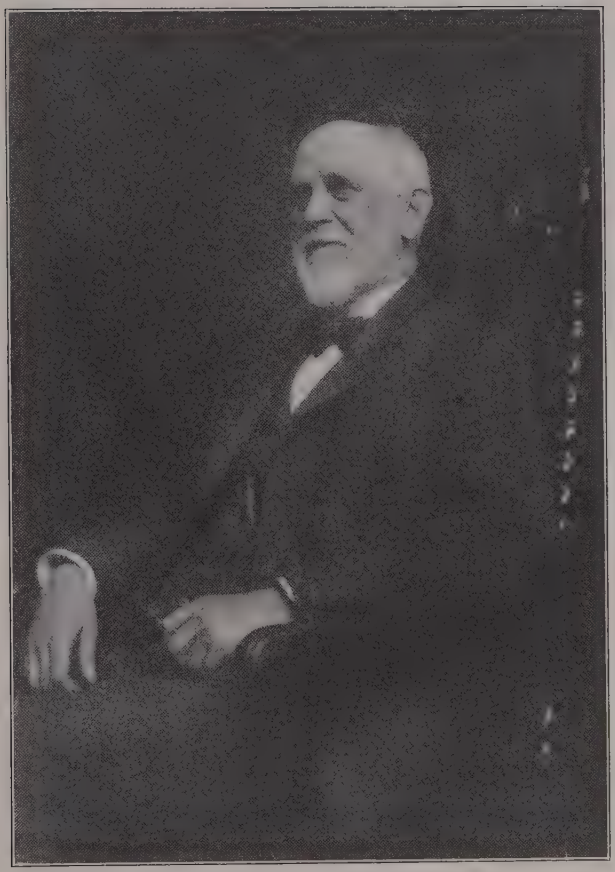
sentative character, bringing them into close connection with the work of the courts in the trial of various notable cases. Mr. Murphy was for two years attorney for the Dayton school board. He is well known socially as a member of the Elks lodge, the Foresters, Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Knights of Columbus, while his religious faith is manifested by his membership in the Catholic church.

THOMAS A. LEGLER.

Thomas A. Legler, whose name is an honored one in commercial and financial circles, is numbered among those whose intelligently directed industry in former years has brought them to a position where it is possible to live in business retirement without recourse to further labor. Moreover, he is honored and respected by reason of the fact that he is of that class of self-made men who have not feared to venture where favoring opportunity has led the way, possessing the courage to meet conditions as they arise and a resolute will that has enabled him to overcome the difficulties and obstacles which continually beset the paths of business.

Born in New York city in 1832, he was a son of Joseph Legler, a native of Baden, Germany, in which country he was reared and married Christina Yagley. Coming to America, they remained in the eastern metropolis until 1833, when they removed to Dayton. The father was a millstone cutter. He continued his residence in this city until his death, which occurred when he was forty-six years of age, four sons and two daughters surviving him. Of this family three sons and the daughters are yet living and all are residents of Dayton.

In this city Thomas A. Legler was reared and acquired his education in the public schools of that day. Dayton was then a city of eight thousand population and Mr. Legler therefore, in the intervening years, has witnessed much of its growth and progress and through his business activity has contributed to the promotion of its commercial development. He was first employed in the office of the Journal, then a tri-weekly paper, published by Richard and William Cumley, with whom he continued for a year. He then entered a clothing store, where he remained for three or four years, after which he sold goods from a wagon for his employer, Salvator Schafer. On discontinuing that work he entered the wholesale dry-goods house of Pryne, Lytle & Shaw, remaining with that firm as a salesman for several years, when he felt that his previous experience and the capital which he had saved from his earnings justified him in engaging in business on his own account. He then joined John Fink in a partnership under the firm style of Fink & Legler, furnishing his experience and eight hundred dollars capital. They established a clothing store and the business was successfully continued for four or five years, when Mr. Legler withdrew and established a wholesale dry-goods store under the firm name of T. A. Legler & Company. After two or three years the firm became Legler & Barlow, the junior partner, Theodore Barlow, having been the silent partner in the original firm. This relation was maintained continuously until the retirement of



THOMAS A. LEGLER

Mr. Legler in 1906, and the house throughout that period ranked as one of the foremost wholesale enterprises in this part of the state, its ramifying trade interests covering a wide territory, while its close conformity to a high standard of commercial ethics won for it a most enviable and unassailable reputation. Mr. Legler still remains a director of the Third National Bank and a director and the vice president of the Teutonia Fire Insurance Company. His investments are well placed and his former success makes his name an honored one on commercial paper.

In 1860 Mr. Legler was married in Dayton to Miss Mary Barlow, a daughter of Theodore Barlow, and they have two daughters and two sons: Clara, now the wife of Edward Ohmer, of Dayton; Ella, the wife of E. D. Grimes, Theodore Barlow and Thomas A., both of this city.

Mr. Legler votes with the democracy but has never yet taken an active part in politics. He belongs to the Dayton City Club and to the Sacred Heart Catholic church. A broad humanitarianism is manifest in his active cooperation with many measures for the benefit of the unfortunate and his generous support of various charities. For ten years he served as a trustee of the Children Home in Dayton and was also at one time a trustee of the State Hospital for the Insane in this city. Dayton numbers him among its oldest residents, for through seventy-six years he has here resided, watching with interest the growth and development of the municipality. Events which are to others matters of history are to him matters of personal experience and his reminiscences concerning those things which have featured in the annals of Dayton are interesting and instructive. He has at all times rejoiced in the city's growth and cooperated in many plans for its improvement and advancement.

NATHAN MORY.

Nathan Mory, deceased, was for many years a prominent merchant and business man of Dayton, the extent and importance of his activities making him a leading factor in the upbuilding and commercial progress of the city. Throughout his entire career, too, he was so careful to conform his activities to a high standard of commercial ethics that over his record there fell no shadow of wrong nor suspicion of evil. His example indeed was one well worthy of emulation and although ten years have passed since he was called to his final rest his memory is honored by those who were associated with him.

He was born in Providence, Rhode Island, in 1822 and came to Dayton in early manhood with his widowed mother and with his brother Albert. Here he turned his attention to merchandising, engaging in the hat, shoe and fur business, which he followed for many years, building up an extensive and profitable trade in that direction. At length, however, he retired from mercantile life and engaged in the real estate business, in which he continued up to the time of his demise, in 1899. The spirit of enterprise and determination, and the ability which he displayed gave him a prominent place in the ranks of the leading and successful business men in the city.

Mr. Mory was married in Dayton in 1862 to Miss Sarah C. Casad, and unto them were born three sons: Bert C., a Mason and an Elk, who died unmarried in 1889; Walter, who died in infancy; and Harry Casad, who belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Dayton City Club. He is well known in the social circles of this city and also in the First Baptist church. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while he is in thorough sympathy with its principles he is not an active partisan.

COLONEL EDWARD A. KING.

Thrilled with the love and pride of country, it is well for the individual to pause and think that the present stability of this great republic rests upon the sacrifice of thousands of our loyal sons who laid down their lives on the altar of the nation that its unity might be preserved. It was thus that the record of Colonel Edward A. King was brought to its close. He was born in Cambridge, New York, April 3, 1814, and was killed in the battle at Chickamauga, Georgia, on the 20th of September, 1863. In early life he was a well-known man in Dayton, where he had lived for a number of years prior to the war and took an active and helpful part in promoting its business development and its progress along various lines. In 1842 at Cincinnati, Ohio, he was married to Miss Sarah McNaughton, who died in Dayton, November 17, 1866.

When Texas struggled against Mexico and won her independence, becoming a republic in herself in the southwest, Colonel King was among those who aided in attaining this result, being associated with many of the leaders in that struggle. Later when the war between the United States and Mexico occurred, he volunteered for service and participated in General Scott's campaign leading up to the capture of the City of Mexico. He held the rank of captain of the Fifteenth United States Infantry. In 1853 he was appointed postmaster of Dayton, which position he acceptably filled for eight years.

That the fire of patriotism burned brightly within his breast is indicated by the ready response which he gave whenever military aid was needed. His age would have released him from service in the Civil war, but prior to that conflict he studied the questions which were bringing about the division between the north and the south and considered the constitutionality of the movement of the Confederacy, and, believing in the right of the government to hold all of its territory and its people, he offered his services in the opening year of the Civil war, at once reporting to Governor Denison of Ohio with his company. He was placed in command of Camp Denison and without solicitation was appointed lieutenant colonel of the Nineteenth United States Infantry, being ordered to Indianapolis to organize his regiment. In the summer of 1862, when Kirby Smith invaded Kentucky, he temporarily took command of the Sixty-eighth Indiana Regiment to resist the enemy, and his regiment was one of those captured at the battle of Mumfordville when the Union troops were defending the garrison at that place. Colonel King, however, saved the regimental flag by wrapping it around his body and carrying it there until he was exchanged. Shortly before his death he was

promoted to colonelcy of the Sixth United States Infantry. In the Chickamauga campaign he was in command of the Second Brigade, Reynolds' Division, Fourteenth Army Corps, and with his brigade he participated in the hard fighting September 19, 1863, at Chickamauga, where on the afternoon of the 20th he was killed by a Confederate sharp-shooter during a lull in the fight. His body was carried on the field on a caisson and buried at Rossville, being the only body taken off the field. The national government has erected a hansome shell monument on the spot where he was killed.

CHARLES CHATLAND BOSLER.

Charles Chatland Bosler is well known in business circles of Dayton by reason of his connection with various enterprises, chief among which is the bakery business in which he is engaged in connection with his father. He was born in this city April 14, 1859, and is a son of Theodore Bosler. He acquired his education in the public schools of Dayton and in his early youth learned the baker's trade. After graduating from the local schools with honor he began his business career in connection with the dry goods house of D. L. Rike & Company, where his promotions were rapid. He was soon placed in charge of the silk department and his labors constituted a valuable asset of the house. In 1888, however, he returned to the business with which he was first connected, joining his father, Theodore Bosler, in the conduct of a bakery which they now carry on in their own property on South Main street. Charles C. Bosler is also interested in other enterprises and has been successful in all his undertakings, for he seems to see from the center to the utmost circumference of possibilities and at all times wisely utilizes the opportunities at hand.

On the 19th of September, 1888, in Dayton Mr. Bosler was married to Miss Ida Best and they have four children: Charlotte, Elizabeth Manton, Edwin Best and Theodore. In his political views Mr. Bosler is a republican interested in the success and growth of the party but never seeking office as a reward for party fealty. In religious faith he is an Episcopalian. In all respects he is a thorough Christian gentleman, highly esteemed by those who know him and he lives in a beautiful and happy home in Dayton View.

ALBERT L. SHEARER.

Albert L. Shearer is the junior partner of the firm of Roney & Shearer, hardware merchants of Dayton, who for twenty-one years have conducted business in this city, maintaining throughout an unassailable reputation for commercial activity, increasing their business along the legitimate lines of trade and in harmony with the progressive ideas of the present day. Mr. Shearer was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, June 11, 1851, and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of this locality. His grandfather, Moses

Shearer, was a native of Pennsylvania and during the formative period in the history of Montgomery county established his home within its borders upon a farm in Wayne township where he carried on general agricultural pursuits for many years, his death occurring in 1874. His son, Christopher Shearer, was born on the home farm in 1827 and, having arrived at years of maturity he wedded Harriet Wright, who was born in Miami county, Ohio, October 6, 1829. Their marriage, however, was celebrated in Montgomery county, December 19, 1849, and they retained their residence in the latter county until 1856 when they removed to Shelby county, locating in Jackson township. There they lived until the spring of 1864, after which they spent one year in the city of Sidney and then located on a farm near Swanders, where they continued to make their home until the death of Mrs. Shearer, with the exception of four years passed in Montgomery county. Mrs. Shearer was an invalid for five years before she departed this life, December 2, 1908. Mr. Shearer still resides in Shelby county, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. In their family were six sons and six daughters and the family circle remained unbroken by the hand of death until the mother passed away. The sons and daughters are as follows: Albert L.; John H., who is living in Los Gatos, California; Martha, Mary, Clara, Effie and S. E. Shearer, who are on the home farm near Swanders, Ohio; Charles, living in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Will E., a resident of Cleveland; Warren W., of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. E. McCormick, of Jackson Center, Ohio; and Mrs. E. W. Richards, of Sidney, Ohio.

The eldest of the family, Albert L. Shearer, was reared under the parental roof to the age of nineteen years and completed his education by two years' study in the Dayton high school. He put aside his text-books when about twenty years of age and later canvassed and made collections for an agricultural implement firm. Subsequently he accepted a position as clerk in the hardware store of R. Barnett & Company and during his six years association with that house he gained comprehensive understanding of the trade and laid the foundation for his success in the same line in later years. He afterward became manager for the west side branch of the lumber business of C. White & Son, with whom he continued for eight years, after which he spent one year in the office of the Barney & Smith Car Works. On the expiration of that period he returned to the hardware trade in 1888, forming a partnership with H. Roney under the firm style of Roney & Shearer. They began business in the store which they now occupy and have been located here continuously since. Theirs is one of the old established hardware enterprises of the city with a large patronage and an extensive and well selected line of goods. From the beginning theirs has proved a profitable venture and that Mr. Shearer is widely recognized as a prominent representative of the hardware trade in the state is attested by the fact that he was honored with the presidency of the Ohio Hardware Association in an election to that office in 1908. Through the preceding three years he had served as its financial secretary and his efforts have been a potent force in promoting hardware interests and in bringing to the dealers such knowledge and experience as will prove of benefit in promoting individual interests. Aside from his activity in hardware lines, Mr. Shearer became one of the charter members of the West Side Building & Loan Company, of which he has now been the president for several years. He is also

a director in the Farmers & Merchants Bank on the west side of the city and is a business man whose judgment is uniformly regarded as sound and reliable.

In 1881 in Dayton Mr. Shearer was married to Miss Julia B. Folkerth, a daughter of K. R. H. Folkerth, whose father, Russel Folkerth, was one of the first justices of the peace of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Shearer have a daughter, Edith L., now the wife of H. N. Hall, of Joliet, Illinois.

Mr. Shearer has been active and prominent in various lines outside of business. He belongs to the Royal Arcanum and is a trustee of Howard Council, No. 161, of Dayton. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party, strongly endorsing the principles which have been its basic elements for years. For a long time he was actively interested in the Young Men's Christian Association, which he represented for some years in official capacities. He belongs to the First Reformed church, in which he has held all of the offices and is now a member of the board of trustees of the Central Theological Seminary of Dayton. He acted for a long period as superintendent of the Sunday school in his church and was for a considerable period a member of the advisory board of the home mission board of the Reformed church of the United States. It will thus be seen that he takes a keen interest in religious work and the various activities of the church, giving much of his time and influence to promoting these varied interests. In all things he measures up to the full standard of honorable, upright manhood and justly merits the high position which he occupies in the regard of his host of friends and his business colleagues.

ABRAHAM BAKER.

Abraham Baker, a farmer of Jefferson township, living on the outskirts of Dayton, which is his post-office via rural route, No. 6, was born August 8, 1854, at the county infirmary, of which his father, Aaron Baker, was superintendent at the time. The latter came to this state from Maryland, but his mother, who in her maidenhood was Miss Nancy Simpson, came to Ohio from Pennsylvania. Soon after settling in this county Aaron Baker became identified with local politics, and as he exhibited an aptitude for that kind of work was appointed superintendent of the county infirmary, holding the office first in 1850 and for several terms thereafter. Seven children were born to him and his wife: Abraham, David, Charles, Webster, John, Alice and Marilda. Abraham Baker, the eldest of this family, grew to manhood under the wise guidance of his parents. His early years were not marked by anything of great importance, though in their course he decided that he should like to learn the carpenter's trade, which he did, and in it acquired not a little skill, for he pursued it steadily for some time, but of late years he has been able to give less and less time to it as he has devoted himself with greater zest to the cultivation of his farm. Not only does he look to improving his own place and conditions, he also works eagerly in the councils of the Agricultural Board of Montgomery county, in which he sits as a representative of Jefferson township, for the advancement of farming and the betterment of farm life throughout the county. His unselfish devotion to this

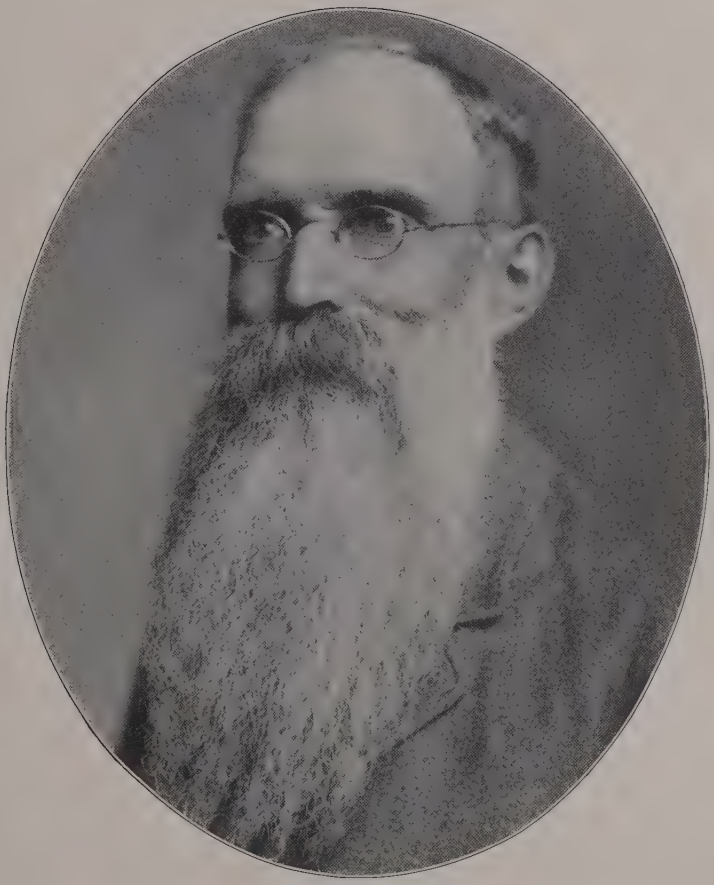
worthy cause and his many and untiring efforts in its behalf should obtain for him the gratitude of his fellow-citizens.

On the 22d of November, 1878, Mr. Baker wedded the woman of his choice, Miss Mary Caylor, who was born on the 9th of October, 1853, a daughter of Uriah and Sarah Caylor, who live in this county. Mrs. Baker is a member of the Mount Carmel Reformed Church, to which, both in its work and social affairs she gives generously of her time and energy. Mr. Baker is not a member of any church though the life he leads is exemplary and evidences those qualities which we customarily denominate Christian. Mr. and Mrs. Baker live in a cozy little home, where they are always most cordial in their reception of their friends.

BRADBURY CILLEY COLEMAN.

Bradbury C. Coleman, a well known representative of fire insurance in Dayton, was born on a farm in Colerain township, Hamilton county, Ohio, February 23, 1853, and when five years old was taken by his parents to Danville, Illinois, where he lived until fourteen years of age and then with his parents moved to a farm near the city. Up to that time his attention was largely occupied with the work of the schoolroom but when a youth of fifteen he put aside his text-books and began earning his own living by work on a farm with his father in Vermillion county, Illinois. There he continued until 1880, when he visited his father, who had located in Dayton about three years previously.

It was in May, 1881, that our subject became a resident of Dayton, where he soon afterward became connected with the insurance business. In this line he has continued to the present time. He makes a specialty of mutual fire insurance, representing all of the mutual companies who do an agency business in the state. He annually writes a large amount of insurance, thoroughly understanding the business and the benefits to be derived by both the company and the clients. He faithfully serves the former and is also loyal to the interests of the latter, and his ability and enterprise in business have won for him continued advancement. In 1906 he incorporated the Dayton Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he is now the secretary and manager. This has been constantly growing in the intervening years. When he began in 1881 he confronted many difficulties and obstacles as the old line companies were strongly represented. It required just such a man as Mr. Coleman, a man of unfaltering determination and indefatigable enterprise to clearly demonstrate to the public how much more beneficial the plan of mutual insurance is to the insuring public by way of securing good indemnity at actual cost. He now represents sixteen mutual companies and is connected with eleven others and is considered one of the leaders in Dayton in fire insurance circles. While he is associated with these various companies and, as stated, has built up one of the largest agencies in Ohio, the public generally does not fully appreciate what he deserves for so doing but men competent to judge of what he has accomplished speak in the highest terms of what he has done and of the manner in which he has achieved his success. In addition to his insurance interests Mr. Coleman owns and operates a farm of one



B. C. COLEMAN

hundred and five acres situated five and a half miles south of Dayton in Van Buren township, the place being principally devoted to the raising of grain and high grade live stock.

In 1887 Mr. Coleman was married in Dayton to Miss Wilhelmina C. E. Mohme. They are pleasantly located in Dayton during the winter, the summer being spent on their farm. The hospitality of their home is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Mr. Coleman belongs to both the subordinate lodge and the encampment in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is also connected with the Junior Order of American Mechanics. His religious faith is in accordance with the doctrines taught by the Park Presbyterian church, in which he holds membership, while his political belief is that of the republican party. All through his life he has displayed many substantial qualities of character and is as well known and honored in business circles by reason of what he has accomplished as he is respected in social circles by reason of his admirable qualities.

ROBERT NEWTON KING.

Robert Newton King, one of Dayton's capitalists, who since 1875 has made his home in this city, was for a long period connected with railroad contracting and stands today among those whose well directed efforts, business discernment and judicious investment have placed them beyond the pale where activity in business circles is a necessity.

He was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, in 1845, of the marriage of Lyman and Maria P. King, who although of the same name was not a relative. The father's birth occurred in Suffield, Connecticut, in 1812, and when a young man he located in Springfield, Massachusetts, where he resided until his death, which occurred in 1886. He was early interested in furnishing the water supply for the city and was identified with many large enterprises in Massachusetts. He was one of the pioneer paper manufacturers and was largely engaged in the manufacture of woolen goods.

Robert Newton King is now the only survivor of a family of three children. In his infancy his parents removed to Springfield, Massachusetts, where he was reared and acquired a public school education. He also attended the Connecticut Literary Institute, at Suffield, Connecticut, and when he left school at the age of nineteen years he entered his father's woolen mills in Springfield, remaining in that line of business for several years. Subsequently he engaged in railroad contracting, which he carried on for many years. In 1875 he took a contract for building one hundred and seventeen miles of the Dayton & Southeastern Railroad, now a part of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton system. In that year he removed to Dayton to make his headquarters here. Many important contracts for railroad building have been awarded him throughout the middle west. He was president of the King Furnace Company of Tennessee, operating ore mines and a blast furnace for the manufacture of pig iron. In 1892 he organized and was president of the Stilwell-Bierce & Smith-Vaile Manufacturing Company. He retired from the active management of the company in

1901 and opened an office at 49 Wall street, New York, and from there conducted the development of a number of large water power and long distance electric transmission plants. He retired from active business in 1905. The extent and volume of his business have placed him among the capitalists of this city. In the control of his interests he has displayed splendid managerial ability, has seemed to know when, where and how to put forth his efforts to the best advantage and through the unification of his forces at hand has reached the best possible results.

It was subsequent to his removal to Dayton that Mr. King was married in 1879 in this city to Miss Harriet A. Snyder, and they now have a daughter and son: Margaret E., the wife of Herbert A. Simonds; and Robert S., who was graduated from Yale College in June, 1909.

Robert N. King is an advocate of republican principles but not an active partisan. He belongs to the Dayton City Club, the New York Athletic Club and other clubs of New York city. His large business undertakings have brought him into prominence, gaining him a wide acquaintance in various parts of the country and from the outset of his career his name has been an honored one on commercial paper. With ability to plan and perform he has reached a position today among the moneyed men of Dayton that is most enviable and commendable.

JUDGE O. W. IRVIN.

Judge O. W. Irvin is preeminently a man of affairs and one who has wielded a wide influence. He is connected with various corporate interests of Dayton, chief among which are the First Savings & Banking Company, of which he is president, the Irvin, Jewell, Vinson Company and the Western Ohio Creamery Company. At the same time he continues in the active practice of law, in which his ability has won him well earned distinction.

A native son of Dayton, he was born in 1866 and reared in this city, and acquired his preliminary education in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the Central high school in 1883. His more classical course was pursued in Yale of which he is an alumnus of 1887. With his Bachelor of Arts degree he returned to Dayton and for four years was closely identified with the educational interests of the city as a teacher in the Central high school. Regarding this, however, merely as an initial step to further professional labor, he entered the Cincinnati Law School and was graduated with the class of 1892.

Opening an office in Dayton, Mr. Irvin still remains in active practice here and his comprehensive knowledge of the law is not only of value to his clients, but also constitutes an element in the successful control of the various business interests with which he has become identified. In 1903, upon the organization of the First Savings & Banking Company, he was elected to the presidency and has so continued to this time. He is likewise interested in the Irvin, Jewell, Vinson Company, dealers in paints and kindred commodities, and is the president of the Western Ohio Creamery Company of Greenville. His title of judge,

by which he is usually known, came as the result of his election in 1893 to the bench of probate court of Montgomery county, where he served in most acceptable manner for two terms. Clear in his decision, sound in his judgment and practical in all he undertakes, these qualities have been salient and forceful elements in his practice of law, in his probate service and in his management of various business concerns.

Judge Irvin is well known as one of the republican leaders of Dayton, taking a deep interest in the vital political questions and issues of the day and in all matters of governmental policy his wide information concerning political problems enables him to defend his position in intelligent argument. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, being in hearty sympathy with the beneficent principles of the craft and, appreciative also of the social amenities of life, he has extended his membership relations to the Dayton Bicycle Club.

CHARLES W. MACK.

Among the men of business enterprise, whose activity has been the source of their success, is numbered Charles W. Mack, a wholesale and retail butcher of Van Buren township. He is numbered among Dayton's native sons, his birth having there occurred on the 23d of November, 1866. His parents were Alexander and Elizabeth (Englauf) Mack. The father, who for many years engaged in the butchering business, is now living retired and is one of the best known of Dayton's citizens. He was born there and has become prominent, not only in its business circles but also as one of the local leaders of the democracy. Unto him and his wife were born: Charles W.; Dorothy, the widow of Harvey Weifenbaugh; Arizona; and Alexander.

Charles W. Mack is indebted to the public schools of Dayton for the early educational privileges he enjoyed and later he attended the Brothers Institute for two years. During his periods of vacation he worked with his father and had some experience and training in mechanical lines in the car shops. He is truly a self-made man for whatever success he has achieved is attributable entirely to his persistent and well directed efforts. He worked for a number of years for the National Cash Register Company and by carefully saving his earnings was at length able to embark in business on his own account as a wholesale and retail butcher. He organized his present enterprise in 1904 and has been very successful in its conduct since that time. He is one of the younger generation of butchers who closely study the conditions of the animals and all secondary interests and in his chosen field of labor he has built up an extensive field of trade.

On the 13th of June, 1891, Mr. Mack was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Goehring, of Dayton, a daughter of George and Catherine (Karg) Goehring. The father came from Germany when a young man and was educated in the old country. Making his way at once to Dayton, he secured employment in the car shops, being a patternmaker by trade. He continued to reside in this city until called to his final rest and his remains were at length interred in Woodland

cemetery. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mack have been born two children: Edward G., who is now attending the Cincinnati Art School; and Catharine, who is also a student. Mr. Mack has erected an attractive home and his business and residence are visible evidences of his life of well directed thrift and enterprise. He belongs to the German Lutheran church and is a man who in all relations is upright and honorable, reliable and straightforward. He has always remained in Montgomery county and his many good qualities have won for him a high regard.

WILLIAM LIGGETT BATES.

William Liggett Bates, a merchandise broker of Dayton, the extent of whose commercial interests makes him worthy to be classed with the representative business men of this city, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 27, 1844, and in the paternal line comes of English ancestry. His father, Richard Bates, was born in Lincolnshire, England, on the 2d of August, 1808, and arrived in America in early manhood, locating in Cincinnati, Ohio, where for many years he successfully conducted business interests as a wholesale grocer. On the 9th of February, 1835, in that city, he was united in marriage to Miss Nancy Trotter, who was born near Glencoe, Ohio, March 4, 1814. She became one of the most prominent women not only of Dayton and Montgomery county but also of the entire state. She was the first president of the Woman's Christian Association of Dayton and was largely instrumental in raising the funds for the Orphan's Home, originally located on the present site of the Miami Valley Hospital, remaining president of that institution up to the time of her death. It was also largely due to her efforts that the Widow's Home was organized and she was also its president when called from this life. She devoted not only her time but also her means to charitable work. She was president of the Soldier's Aid Society and during the Civil war many soldiers were indebted to her for clothing, food, fruits and delicacies. She passed away on the 22d of October, 1870, at the age of fifty-six years, loved and respected by all who knew her. The father of our subject died March 21, 1855. In the family were seven children, namely: John, who died at the age of five years; Susan L., the wife of John H. Winters of Dayton; Richard J., who died at the age of sixty-eight years; Adolphus S., a resident of White Salmon, Washington; William L., the subject of this sketch; Joseph S., who died at the age of five years; and Ella M., the widow of Charles T. Huffman of Dayton.

After spending the first fourteen years of his life in the city of his nativity, William L. Bates came to Dayton with his widowed mother and here continued his education until, during his third year in high school, he offered his services to the government in defense of the Union, enlisting on the 4th of May, 1864, at the age of eighteen years, as a private of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was then made corporal and with that rank served for one hundred days at Fort Federal Hill and vicinity. He had previously been with the Fiftieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the sutler of which was a relative of his, spending the winter of 1863-1864 with that regiment. He was

mustered out at Camp Chase, Ohio, in September, 1864, and at once returned to Dayton. Of the eighty-seven men mustered into his company May 4, 1864, only thirty-two are known to be living and on the forty-fifth anniversary celebration held May 4, 1909, there were only twenty-three of these present.

After the war, in connection with his two brothers, Mr. Bates entered the retail grocery business in Dayton under the firm name of Bates Brothers, which relation was maintained for four years, when he joined his brother in law, Charles T. Huffman, in the grocery business in 1870. He was thus associated with the commercial interests of this city for four years and in 1874 withdrew and went upon the road for a New York grocery firm which he represented for several years. In November, 1877, he turned his attention to the merchandise brokerage business and has continued in that department of commercial activity to the present time. His long association therefore, covering thirty-two years, indicates something of the success which he has achieved. Thoroughly familiar with the trade and market conditions, he has handled important and profitable lines, his capable management and keen business discernment being a strong element in the considerable success which he has won.

On the 22d of October, 1868, Mr. Bates was married in Tiffin, Ohio, to Miss Belle Noble, a daughter of Hon. Warren P. Noble, a well known statesman of Ohio, who served for several terms in congress. Their only child, Laura M., died August 17, 1885, at the age of sixteen years.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, Mr. Bates has been a stalwart republican, in sympathy with the policy of the party in controlling federal and international relations. In 1898 he was appointed a member of the board of city affairs of Dayton and rendered capable and businesslike service in that capacity for three years. He is well known in various fraternal relations, being a comrade of Old Guard Post, G. A. R., while in Masonry he has attained high rank. He was captain general of Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T., of Dayton for twelve years, is past grand commander of the Knights Templars of Ohio, has been presiding officer at various important Masonic meetings and has been honored with the thirty-third degree. He also belongs to Christ Episcopal church and the guiding principles of his life are those which work for reliabilty and progressiveness in material affairs, for loyalty and advancement in citizenship and for a recognition of the obligations of the individual to his fellowman.

JOHN H. POHLKOTTE.

The life record of John H. Pohlkotte is an exemplification of the fact that a humble beginning in business life need not hamper the individual in his efforts to attain success, for through well directed energy he has gradually extended his interests until now he is well known in commercial circles as the president of the Gem Shirt Company. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1848 and the following year was brought to Dayton by his parents so that he was reared and educated in this city. He attended the public schools to the age of thirteen years, when he started out to earn his own living and has since been dependent entirely

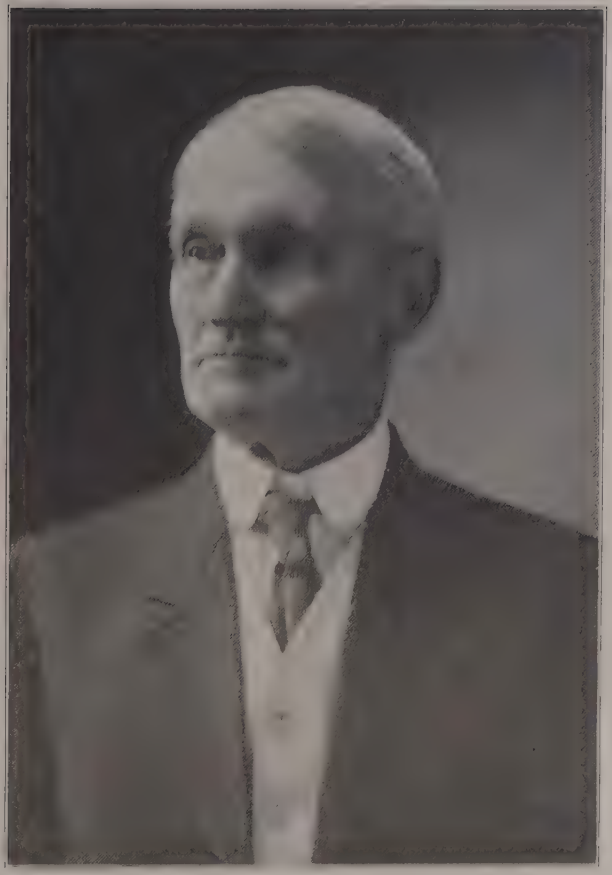
upon his labors for whatever success he has enjoyed. He was employed in various ways for a few years and in 1865 secured a clerkship with Coffman, Osborn & Company, wholesale dealers in notions. That he proved competent and reliable is plainly indicated by the fact that he remained with the house until 1879, was promoted from time to time and for a brief period represented the company upon the road. Ambitious to engage in business on his own account, this step was finally made possible through his careful expenditure and untiring industry. In 1879 he entered into partnership with C. J. Coffman in the establishment of a wholesale notion business in Dayton under the style of C. J. Coffman & Company, the firm name being thus continued until 1889, when they purchased a shirt factory in this city. With the extension of the business to include the latter line papers of incorporation were taken out under the name of the Gem Shirt Company with Mr. Pohlkotte as president. This was in 1892 and he has since continued at the head of the enterprise which, under his careful direction, has become one of the important business concerns of the city in both manufacturing and sales lines.

In 1888 Mr. Pohlkotte was married to Miss Louise B. Coffman and unto them have been born three sons and four daughters, who are yet living. In politics he is an independent republican, frequently supporting the candidates of the republican party but maintaining also an independent position which permits of his support of any candidate whom he thinks best qualified for the office. He is a citizen of substantial worth, interested in the welfare and progress of Dayton, where for sixty years he has made his home, his cooperation being freely given to many movements for the general good.

SAMUEL E. KUMLER.

Samuel E. Kumler, whose life record has been governed by an intelligent appreciation for and utilization of opportunities, has, without special advantages at the outset of his career, made steady progress in the business world until he now occupies a leading position in his relations with the mercantile interests of Dayton, being the secretary and treasurer of the Rike-Kumler Company.

A native of Preble county, Ohio, Mr. Kumler was born in Lewisburg, November 29, 1839, and is a son of Bishop Henry and Christina (Zeller) Kumler. The former was born in Pennsylvania in 1801 and came to Ohio with his parents at an early age. Here he married Miss Christina Zeller, who was born in the Keystone state in 1798 and was a daughter of Rev. Andrew Zeller, a bishop of the United Brethren church. There were nine children born of that marriage but only three are now living: Jesse B., a resident of Dayton; Salome K., who was the wife of David L. Rike; and Samuel E. Those who have passed away are: David, who died July 5, 1895, at Lewisburg, Ohio, when seventy-three years of age; Andrew, who died in 1870 at the age of forty-seven years; Henry P., who died February 5, 1893, at the age of sixty-three years; Susan, the wife of Abraham Dye, who passed away in March, 1865, at the age of thirty-six;



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Noah W., who departed this life February 4, 1902, at the age of seventy-four years; and Daniel R., who died in 1858 at the age of twenty-five years.

In taking up the personal history of Samuel E. Kumler we present to our readers the life record of one who is widely and favorably known in Dayton, having for more than a half century resided in this city. He remained at the place of his nativity to the age of fifteen years and there attended the public schools. In 1857 he came to Dayton and during the succeeding three years learned the bookbinder's trade. Desiring, however, higher educational advantages, owing to his realization of the fact that broad mental discipline is a valuable asset in the business world, he entered Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, in 1860 and continued his studies through the year. On the 29th of August, 1861, constrained by a spirit of patriotism, he offered his services to the government and was assigned to duty with Company H, Fifteenth United States Infantry, for three years, or during the war. He served for eighteen months in the ranks and was then commissioned commissary sergeant, filling that position through the succeeding year and a half. On the 28th of August, 1864, by reason of the expiration of his term of enlistment, he was honorably discharged in front of Atlanta. He had participated in the battles of Shiloh and Stone River, had witnessed the engagement at Lookout Mountain, took part in the battle of Missionary Ridge and had marched from Shiloh to Louisville, Kentucky, with his command. During the Atlanta campaign he was in several skirmishes as a volunteer. During his three years service he was never wounded nor captured, never lost a day through illness or received a furlough, but was always at his post of duty, whether on the picket line or the firing line or on the long, hard marches.

After receiving his discharge Mr. Kumler returned to Dayton and when he had pursued a course of bookkeeping he entered the store of Prugh & Rike as bookkeeper and salesman. That he manifested ability, fidelity and thoroughness in the discharge of his duties is indicated by the fact that he was admitted as a partner in 1866, at which time Robert I. Cummin was also taken into the firm, under the style of D. L. Rike & Company. The business was conducted under that name for twenty-six years or until the fall of 1892, when it was reorganized as the Rike Dry Goods Company and on the death of Mr. Cummin became the Rike-Kumler Company. For forty-three years Mr. Kumler has had a voice in the management of this enterprise which is today one of the largest and most important commercial concerns in this city, and the substantial and continuous growth of the business speaks in unmistakable terms of the safe policy and progressive spirit of Mr. Kumler and his associates, who are continually seeking out new lines for the expansion of their trade and yet at all times temper their activity with a safe conservatism. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Kumler is a director and treasurer of the Equitable Building & Loan Association and president of the board of trustees of the United Brethren Publishing Company, and chairman of the local committee.

In 1866 Mr. Kumler was married in Dayton to Miss Mary L. Chambers, a daughter of Jacob and Amelia Chambers. They are now the parents of five children, as follows: Irvin G.; Bessie C., the wife of Charles H. Bosler; Richard C.; Barrett L.; and Ada B., the wife of Charles D. Bronson, of the firm of

Thomas & Bronson, attorneys of Dayton. The sons are all connected with the Rike-Kumler Company as managers of various departments.

Mr. and Mrs. Kumler are faithful members and active workers of the First United Brethren church, his deep interest in the cause being manifest in the fact that he is now serving for the thirty-fifth consecutive year as superintendent of the Sunday-school. For an equal number of years he has also been a trustee of the church and the treasurer and was secretary of the official board for a term of thirty years. His own zeal and interest in the work is an inspiration to others and constitutes a strong factor in the substantial growth of the organization. His political endorsement is given to the republican party because of his firm belief in its principles, yet without desire for office as a reward for party fealty. He stands today as a prominent and honored representative of commercial interests—strong in his honor and good name, strong in his ability to plan and to perform.

GEORGE B. HOLT.

Almost six decades ago the following words were penned: "The future historian must give the name of George B. Holt a place among the patriotic and the farseeing statesmen of the commonwealth who a quarter of a century ago planted the seed which has made Ohio the third if not the second in rank among the states of the Union." Now when sixty years have passed the historian takes the right in paying tribute to the memory of one whose life was of great value and usefulness to his fellow citizens and the commonwealth at large, who ranked with the leading lawyers of Dayton, was one of the promoters of the public-school system and of the Miami canal, who made an untarnished record as a jurist and was also connected with the agricultural, political, social and moral progress of his community.

Mr. Holt was born in Norfolk, Litchfield county, Connecticut, in the year 1790. His parents early planned that he should become a member of the bar and, this course proving agreeable to him, he entered the law school of Judges Reeve and Gould in Litchfield, Connecticut, and in 1812 passed the required examination that secured him admission to the bar. About that time the east was aroused by the tales concerning the vast fertility and the rich lumber resources of the state of Ohio—tales that were told by the hardy emigrants who had already established their homes in the western wilderness. Mr. Holt became imbued with the desire to cast in his lot with the early settlers who were making history in the then far west and desired to bear his part with those who were molding the destiny and shaping the policy of the newly created state of Ohio. Accordingly he became a resident of Dayton in 1819 when it was still a small village and in 1820 he entered upon the practice of law here. The conditions that confronted the members of the bar were extremely different at that time from those which the present lawyer faces. He had to "ride the circuit" which meant that he traveled on horseback over roads that were little more than bridle

paths and in the springtime when the streams were swollen into angry floods he often had to trust himself to a frail canoe or ride his horse through the troubled waters and then emerging on the opposite bank perhaps continue his way for miles through the forest before he would come to a hospitable cabin in which he might dry his clothes and obtain food, rest and shelter. Mr. Holt was, however, well grounded in the principles of law and proved an able minister in the temple of justice at a time when it was the ambition and purpose of the lawyer to secure equitable rulings without using the subterfuges of technicalities to secure verdicts favorable to their clients regardless of the salient points of the case.

Mr. Holt was, moreover, an active factor in the life of the little, but growing, town of Dayton and in 1822 established the Miami Republican which he conducted for three years and which was characterized in a little serial, The Convention and Its Men, as a "newspaper devoted to news, agriculture and the dissemination of democratic doctrines." In the fall of 1824 Mr. Holt was called to represent his district in the state legislature and was an active participant in securing the passage of many acts which made that an important session in the history of the Ohio assembly. The lands of the state were then divided into first, second and third classes and taxed accordingly, and it frequently occurred that the wild lands and the improved farms were equally taxed—a condition that called loudly for amendment. The remedy was forthcoming in an enactment of the session of 1824-25 in a policy that has since been followed by the state. Another important question which came up for consideration was the building of canals. Ohio, under the direction of DeWitt Clinton, had begun its canal system and Judge Holt and many others of his colleagues recognized the fact that there should be a waterway between the Ohio river and Lake Erie to afford the needed shipping facilities for the state. Judge Holt advocated this course through the columns of his paper and after elected to the legislature was instrumental in securing the passage of the first canal law, under which the Ohio and Miami canals were commenced, constituting the initial step in the work of internal improvement in Ohio. Judge Holt was also active in promoting the public-school system. At that time the state had little income for its products were not shipped out and there was little ready money in circulation. There was a growing feeling that the state should give equal educational opportunities to the rich and poor, the high and low, and the legislature of 1824-25 took up this question, Judge Holt being appointed a member of the committtee to whom the subject was referred and which in time reported a bill that became a law and established the common-school system of Ohio. As we review the history of the past it seems almost incredible that a feeling existed such as was prevalent at that day. The rich felt that they should not be called upon to contribute money to educate other people's children and the poor were told by those who opposed the law that their children would be educated at pauper schools and their pride was thus aroused to resistance and the clamor became so great that many of the advocates of the school system were not reelected to the legislature at the ensuing election but Judge Holt, because of his advocacy of the Miami canal, was one of the successful candidates. He was also chosen a member of the state senate in 1828 and served during that and the succeeding term, during

which time he was chairman of the committee on internal improvements, one of the most important of that day.

During his last session in the general assembly Judge Holt was elected president judge of the circuit court and served during the constitutional term of seven years. At the beginning of that term his circuit was composed of Montgomery, Clark, Champaign, Logan, Miami, Darke, Shelby and Mercer counties and later Clark, Champaign and Logan were cut off while Allen and Putnam were attached to the first circuit. After his retirement from the bench Judge Holt again took up the practice of law although he did not give his entire time to it and under appointment of the court he served for one year as prosecuting attorney of Montgomery county, one year in the same office in Mercer and two terms in Van Wert county.

In the meantime, in 1827, when the state militia was an important force in the life of Ohio, Judge Holt was elected brigadier general and for some years commanded one of the finest brigades in the state. After the close of his first term on the bench he divided his time between the practice of law and agricultural pursuits. He was the owner of a valuable farm and was also extensively engaged in raising fine stock, spending large sums in improving the breed of cattle. He introduced into this part of the state the first thoroughbred shorthorned Durham cattle and did everything to encourage the raising of high-grade stock. He was also president of the Agricultural Society of Montgomery County for a time. During the legislative session of 1842-43 he was again chosen for the bench and once more served for seven years as president judge. His decisions were strictly fair and impartial and he ranked with the eminent jurists of an early day, whose records graced the courts of the state. He was made a member of the board of health during the memorable cholera scourge of 1849 and was among the earliest and constant volunteers to visit and minister to the relief of the sufferers. He was made president of the board and his service was of the utmost value through that calamitous period. Again Judge Holt was called to public office when in the fall of 1849 he was made the democratic nominee for the position of delegate to revise, amend and change the constitution of the state and proved an active, working member of that body, being intsrumental in shaping many of the organic laws which still remain intact upon the statute books of Ohio. He was made the head of the committee on jurisprudence and his impress for influence and utility was strongly felt in the work of the convention.

In 1821 Judge Holt was married to Miss Mary H. Blodget, a daughter of Dr. William Blodget. Their only surviving child is Miss Martha Holt, of Dayton. Their daughter, Mary Belle, became the wife of Thomas Ashton Burrowes and their daughter, Miss Mary Burrowes, is Judge Holt's only living descendant in this county besides the Judge's daughter. For many years Judge Holt was a member of the Presbyterian church, interested and active in its work. He was also a stalwart champion of the cause of temperance, his service on the bench giving him comprehensive knowledge of the evils and abuses caused by intemperance. In a publication issued while Judge Holt was still living is said: "As president judge of the first judicial district Judge Holt gained an enviable reputation. He ranked, before his election to the bench, as a sound lawyer and to that

he soon added the highest reputation of an able and impartial judge. During a service of fourteen years in a circuit distinguished for the legal talent of its bar it is a high compliment to say that he gave entire satisfacton and that, popular as he ever has been as a man, his popularity as a judge exceeded it."

CHARLES H. SCHAEFFER.

Charles Henry Schaeffer, well known among the insurance men of the middle west, because of the volume of business which he successfully controls and the enterprise he has manifested in securing his extensive clientage, was born in Dayton, January 12, 1857. His father, Valentine Schaeffer, was likewise a native of Montgomery county, his birth having occurred in Germantown in 1825. In his boyhood, however, he removed to a farm in Williams county, Ohio, and assisted in clearing the wilderness and transforming the wild lands into productive fields. In early manhood, however, he determined to engage in commercial rather than in agricultural pursuits and came to Dayton, where he established a dry goods business, which he continued until just prior to the Civil war. He was in the one hundred days' service and was ever a loyal advocate of the Union cause. After the war he entered the Dayton State Bank, now the Dayton National Bank, as bookkeeper and there remained for twenty-seven years. He was then in the life and fire insurance business until about 1897, when he retired. Many years had been devoted to active business and his rest was well merited. In early manhood he had wedded Mary Ellen Achey and unto them were born nine children, all of whom reached years of maturity, namely: Edgar A.; Albert V.; Nellie S., the wife of Samuel Weller; Charles H.; Louise, the wife of Godfrey Holderhoff; Lester A.; John J.; Harriet B., the wife of William Bishop, and A. Wilbur. The mother still survives at the age of eighty-one years.

Charles H. Schaeffer acquired his education in the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he reached the Central high school, although he did not finish his course there. At the age of sixteen he took up the more difficult lessons in the school of experience and has applied himself faithfully to their mastery. He entered the establishment of Reynolds & Reynolds, bookbinders and printers, with whom he continued for seven years, and there learned the printer's trade. Subsequently he was employed in the bookbinding establishment of Payne & Holden, with whom he continued for some years, and was also with the Holden Manufacturing Company, their successors. In 1884 he severed his connection with that house and joined his father, Valentine Schaeffer, in the life and fire insurance business, under the firm name of V. Schaeffer & Son. The name has since been continued although the father died on the 2d of October, 1906. The name of Schaeffer has long stood as a synonym for enterprise and reliability in insurance lines in this city and the volume of business enjoyed by the house attests the progressive methods and unremitting diligence of Mr. Schaeffer.

In 1889 was celebrated the marriage of Charles H. Schaeffer and Miss Elizabeth Leibrock, a daughter of Louis Leibrock. In his fraternal relations he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to both the subordinate lodge and the encampment, in which he has held all of the chairs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but he is not active in its work although he believes firmly in its principles and does all he can to further its interests. His entire life has been passed in Dayton, where his substantial qualities have gained him the favorable regard of his business colleagues and the companies which he represents. His geniality and deference for the opinions of others have gained him a creditable position in social circles and wherever he is known he is held in high esteem.

HENRY D. RINEHART, M. D.

Dr. Henry D. Rinehart, who, as a member of the medical profession, is making a specialty of the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, has become very successful in that department, for his study and researches have been thorough and broad, and, moreover, he readily perceives the relation of the scientific principles of medicine to specific needs.

One of Montgomery county's native sons, he was born on a farm in Randolph township, on the 25th of January, 1859, and was there reared, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. He also attended the country schools through the periods of his youth and afterward became a student in a normal college at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, while later he attended the Normal School at Ada, Ohio. Having decided to make his professional work the science of teaching, he was employed to teach a country school in Montgomery county, which school had "whipped out" two teachers during the previous winter term. He succeeded so well with his first efforts at teaching that he was retained as the teacher of said school for five successive years. After teaching both the common school branches and high school branches for eight years in Randolph township, he decided to change for his life professional work—to medicine and surgery.

With broad literary learning to serve as the foundation upon which to build his professional knowledge, he took up the study of medicine and completed the full course in Long Island College Hospital at Brooklyn, New York. He was there graduated with the class of 1886. Immediately afterward he located for practice of general medicine in Covington, Miami county, Ohio, where he remained for fifteen years. On the expiration of that period, he pursued a course in the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College, in 1901-2, for he was greatly interested in this field of practice and, determining to so qualify for the work in that line that he might make it a specialty, concentrated his entire energies thereon. On leaving the Chicago college, he came to Dayton, where he has since remained in active practice and has secured a large patronage, for his labors have been effective in making the cures that were sought and thus his reputation has grown. In professional lines he is connected with the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Dayton Acad-

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emy of Medicine, the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology and member of the staff of the Miami Valley Hospital.

In 1882 Dr. Rinehart was married to Miss Emma Weybright, a native of this county. Their three daughters are Pearl, Ethel and Opal. Miss Pearl, after graduating in the Covington high school, entered Earlham College and after four years graduated with honors from said college in the classical course and is a teacher of languages in high school. Miss Ethel, after pursuing a high school course, is a student at National Park Seminary. Miss Opal is a junior in Steele high school.

In his religious faith Dr. Rinehart is a Christian, holding membership in the Third Street Presbyterian church. He was for thirteen years superintendent of Sunday school and he takes an active and helpful interest in the various lines of church work. His political allegiance is given to the republican party, but while he firmly believes in its principles, he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties, which he always promptly performs with a sense of conscientious obligation. At the organization of the Riverdale Welfare Club in 1906, he was elected as vice president and has been reelected each year since. This club is recognized as one of the influential bodies with both political parties. At the organization he was elected, by the executive committee, as associate editor of Riverdale Welfare Bulletin and has been re-elected each year to assist in the editing of this monthly periodical.

Though a very busy man in his profession, he has found time to engage in the outside work for the betterment of the community and his profession. He served as secretary of Montgomery County Medical Society for the year 1908, and at expiration of his secretaryship, he was elected a member of board of censors of that society.

GEORGE W. OZIAS.

George W. Ozias, attorney at law of Dayton, was born in Farmersville, Montgomery county, Ohio, January 28, 1863. During his infancy his parents removed to a farm in Logan county, Ohio, whereon his youthful days were passed in a division of his time between the labors of the fields, the duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground. When a youth of sixteen he entered Delaware College at Delaware, Ohio, and was graduated on the completion of the classical course in 1883, when twenty years of age. In the meantime he had resolved to make the practice of law his life work and to this end matriculated in the Cincinnati Law School where he was graduated in 1886.

The same year Mr. Ozias came to Dayton and accepted the general agency for the Bradstreets Commercial Agency, which position he filled for five years. This brought him a wide acquaintance so that he felt justified in entering upon the active practice of law, feeling that he now might be reasonably sure of a good patronage. Accordingly he opened his office and has since remained as an active attorney of Dayton. His success from the beginning has been uniform and

rapid. Added to his thorough understanding of the general principles of the law, he has specialized in the department of corporation law and that he is well qualified in this branch of the profession is indicated by the fact that a number of the important corporations and business firms in this city employ him to manage their legal interests.

On the 4th of January, 1897, in Dayton, Mr. Ozias was married to Miss Blanche B. Whealen, and they have one son, Charles Whealen, now eleven years of age. Mr. Ozias is a member of the Masonic order. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Grace Methodist Episcopal church. While not active in party work, he is a believer in republican principles and at the polls gives his support to the party candidates. The various interests which constitute the important features of life are of interest to him and many of them receive his endorsement and cooperation and at the same time he is never neglectful of the duties which devolve upon him in his professional relations, his devotion to his clients' interests having become proverbial.

DAVID H. TERRY.

David H. Terry, one of the well known republican leaders of Montgomery county, where he is now acceptably filling the office of justice of the peace, was born in Dayton, May 26, 1872. Here he was reared and at the usual age entered the public school, passing through the consecutive grades until when he put aside his text-books he was in the third year of high school. He received special training for the business world in the Miami Commercial College, of Dayton, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. He then engaged with J. D. Whitmore, a coal man, as bookkeeper, occuping that position for eighteen months, after which he accepted a clerical position with J. R. Thomson, as justice of the peace. He also began reading law and was with Justice Thomson for three years, and for one year with his successor, J. W. McKeown. When that time had passed Mr. Terry entered the employ of the City Street Railway Company, with which he was connected for five years, spending two and a half years as motor man and two and a half years as conductor. In 1903 he was elected justice of the peace on the republican ticket for a term of three years and has since been reelected, so that his present incumbency will continue to the 1st of January, 1910. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial and thus he has "won golden opinions from all sorts of people."

Mr. Terry was married in Dayton, in 1895, to Miss Anna G. Remmer, and they have four children, Ruth Louise, Edna May, Florence Margaret and George Robert. Mr. Terry is a Scottish Rite Mason and has also attained the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite. He likewise belongs to the Mystic Shrine and is secretary of Dayton Lodge, No. 147, F. & A. M. He is a member of the Garfield Club and is past grand of Fraternal Lodge, No. 510, I. O. O. F., in which he holds the office of secretary. He is likewise past chancellor of Hope Lodge, No. 277, K. P., and belongs to Dayton Lodge, No. 3526, M. W. A. The fact that

he has been called to office in these various organizations is indicative of his loyalty to the interests of the fraternities and his popularity among his brethren of the orders. He belongs to the Broadway Methodist Episcopal church and is a man whose trustworthiness and fidelity to duty are among his most salient characteristics.

JOSIAH P. LANDIS, D. D.

Dr. Josiah P. Landis, one of the eminent representatives of the clergy of the United Brethren church, is widely known as a writer on theological subjects and as a lecturer, while his local connection with Dayton is that of professor of Old Testament theology and exegisis in the Bonebrake Theological Seminary. He was born October 27, 1844, at Brickerville, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. It is not definitely known whether the ancestry was German or French, but the name was originally spelled Landes, which is also the name of a department of France. The first representatives of the family came to this country about the year 1710 from Switzerland. They were Mennonites and one of the name suffered a martyr's death for his faith while others were imprisoned. They fled to the shores of America that they might have liberty to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience and settled in the southeastern counties of Pennsylvania. Some of the family still adhere to the Mennonite faith but in 1844 Joseph and Caroline (Weiler) Landis, the parents of Dr. J. P. Landis, became members of the United Brethren in Christ, which denomination now numbers two hundred and eighty-one thousand members. The father was a merchant in Brickerville and also in Campbeltown, Lebanon county, Pennsylvania. In April, 1854, he removed with his family to Illinois but was not long permitted to enjoy his new home for his death occurred on the 5th of July, 1855.

Dr. Landis acquired his education in the common schools of Pennsylvania and Illinois. He had accompanied his parents to the latter state in 1854 and in a few months the family with several other families from Pennsylvania purchased land upon the prairie in Will county, Illinois, six miles south of Joliet, at which time only two houses were in sight. He spent the next five years on the prairie farm and on account of his skill in mechanical lines took charge of the farm machinery and the operation of the fields. After the first year he attended school during the winter months, and one of his teachers, a Miss Whiting, instructed him in popular astronomy, especially acquainting him with the constellations which, together with physiology, became his favorite natural science. He had a great taste for scientific study and investigation and expected to follow in the professional footsteps of several of his uncles who were physicians but later was deflected into theology. Through the influence of a young man considerably his senior he developed a voracious aptitude for books and reading which has made him, in the course of years, a man of broad scholarly attainments.

Then before he continued his collegiate education he saw active service in the Civil war, enlisting as a member of Company A, Ninety-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry on the 4th of August, 1862. He was honorably discharged August

19, 1865, having for three years been connected with the army as a private. Participating in the battle of Richmond, Kentucky, August 30, 1862, he was captured with several thousand other Union troops but was presently paroled. He helped to dig ditches in front of Vicksburg in April, 1863, and took part in the whole of that memorable campaign. He also assisted in driving Johnston out of Jackson, Mississippi, and took part in the Guntown, Mississippi, expedition and also that against Tupelo, Mississippi, and was in the battle of Oldtown Creek. He participated in the siege of Spanish Fort on Mobile Bay in March, 1865, in the siege of Mobile and in several minor skirmishes. The hardships and privations of war did not seem detrimental to him for he came out stronger, straighter and heartier than when he entered the service.

It was subsequent to this time that he pursued a collegiate course in Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, from which he was graduated in June, 1869. During a part of the last year he was also a theological student in the Western Seminary at Allegheny, Pennsylvania, and continuing his preparation for the ministry, was graduated from the Lane Theological Seminary at Cincinnati, Ohio, in May, 1871. Subsequently he studied for a time in Berlin University in Germany, taking work in philosophy and New Testament Theology. He also pursued a post-graduate course in theology in Wooster University, Ohio, and received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy cum laude. In 1872 Otterbein University conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts and ten years later honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Having qualified for the ministry, Dr. Landis served as pastor of what is now the Summit Street United Brethren church in Dayton from 1871 until 1874 and in the latter year went to Miltonville, Ohio, where he remained until 1877, going at that time to Germantown, where he also spent three years in pastoral work. In 1880 he was elected to the professorship of chairs of Old Testament exegesis and pastoral theology in the Bonebrake Theological Seminary at Dayton, where his present professorship is that of Old Testament theology and exegesis although he still continued also to teach pastoral theology. In connection with the seminary work he assisted in the editorial work of the United Brethren Sunday school literature. Four years he was secretary of the board of education and was superintendent of the Sunday school thirteen successive years; was president of the local Young People's Society of the Summit Street church for fourteen years; of the Miami branch of the Young People's Christian Union for twelve years, and president of the General Young People's Union twelve years. He was long active in the county and denominational Sunday school work and state Sunday school work and was president of the Ohio Sunday School Union from 1884 until 1886.

With the various departments of church work Dr. Landis has been connected, taking active and helpful interest in various lines which have contributed to the sum total of the grand work that is being carried on by his denomination. He has been a member of the American Society of Biblical Exegesis and has appeared before many important meetings dealing with various lines of church work. Since 1860 he has held membership with the United Brethren of Christ and as the representative of this church was on the program at the International Sunday school convention at Atlanta, Georgia, in 1878, and again at Louisville, Ken-

tucky, in 1884. He was also a delegate to the convention at Toronto, Canada, in 1881 and the World's Sunday school convention in St. Louis, Missouri. He was likewise on the program of the Methodist Ecumenical conference at Washington, D. C. and delivered an address on The Philosophy and the Science of Religion at the parliament of religions in Chicago in 1893. He was secretary of the Tri-church Council of the Congregational, Methodist Protestant and United Brethren churches at Dayton in February, 1906, and at Chicago in March, 1907, and was a delegate to the council of Federated Churches of Christ in America, held at Philadelphia in December, 1908, while in November of that year he was elected a delegate to the general conference of the United Brethren church which met at Canton, Ohio, in May, 1909. He is a fluent and facile writer as well as an eloquent, logical and entertaining speaker and has been a contributor to Bishop Weaver's Christian Doctrine. He is also the author of a small volume on the Holy Trinity and a pamphlet on The Relation of Theology to Philosophy. He has likewise written many articles for the church periodicals and was engaged to assist in editorial work on the Religious Telescope from October, 1908, until August, 1909. His services are in constant demand for addresses at conventions, institutes, Chautauquas and summer schools, and thus he is continually connected with the work of public instruction be it from the pulpit, the lecture platform or through the columns of the press. His thought is always clear-cut, cogently and convincingly presented and characterized by a terse and decisive logic. While it would be tautological in this connection to enter into any series of statements, showing him to be a man of broad scholarly attainments, for this has been shadowed forth between the lines of this review, it is but meet to say that he possesses as well a broad human sympathy and charity that makes him approachable to the men who seek his personal advice, counsel and guidance.

On the 6th of June, 1872, Dr. Landis was married in Dayton, Ohio, to Miss Addie Belle Kumler, a granddaughter of Bishop Henry Kumler, Jr., and a great-granddaughter of Bishop Henry Kumler, Sr. Their children are: Jessie, the wife of Robert D. Funkhouser; Lulu Effie, at home with her parents; and Robert Kumler, a student of law at Harvard University.

While Dr. Landis has been connected with church interests of national prominence and is recognized as one of the ablest representatives of the ministry of the United Brethren church, he is not unmindful of his duties and obligations of citizenship and is interested in all that pertains to the substantial progress and improvement of Dayton. He is a member of the Present Day Club of Dayton and has an extensive circle of warm friends in this city aside from the many prominent representatives of his denomination who are glad to claim him as a friend.

BENJAMIN B. BOOKWALTER.

Benjamin B. Bookwalter, owning and operating a farm on section 17, Jefferson township, was born on this place on the 11th of September, 1863, his parents being Joseph and Susan (Brumbaugh) Bookwalter. The father's birth occurred in September, 1833, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light

of day in October, 1833. The paternal grandparents of our subject were Samuel and Hannah Bookwalter.

Benjamin B. Bookwalter has always continued to reside on the farm where he was born and has been identified with general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. Energetic, industrious and enterprising, the fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them and he is numbered among the progressive and successful farmers of the community.

On the 15th of March, 1887, Mr. Bookwalter was united in marriage to Miss Dora Jane Cooper, a daughter of William and Lucinda (Harris) Cooper. They have one child, Carrie Frances, whose birth occurred on the 11th of November, 1888.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Bookwalter has given his political allegiance to the men and measures of the republican party, while his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to various positions of public trust. For several terms he has served as treasurer of Jefferson township and is still the capable incumbent in that office. He has also been a school director in his native township, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. In this community he has spent his entire life and that his career has ever been an upright and honorable one is indicated by the fact that the associates of his boyhood and youth are still numbered among his best friends.

GEORGE G. G. PECKHAM.

The opportunity for successful accomplishment lies before every individual and the path leading to prosperity is that of unfaltering and indefatigable industry. Recognizing this fact, George G. G. Peckham has for seventeen years applied himself closely to every task devolving upon him in the business world and along the line of gradual advancement has reached an important and responsible position in commercial circles as the president of the Peckham Carriage Company, which has been succeeded by The Peckham Motor Car Company, of Dayton.

He was born in Troy, Ohio, August 1, 1874, and his youthful days were there passed, his time being largely occupied with the acquirement of an education in the public schools. At the age of eighteen he came to Dayton and entered the Miami Commercial College for training that would equip him for a business career. He was graduated therefrom in 1892 and soon afterward accepted a position of bookkeeper with the Leidigh Carriage Company, his association with that house covering a period of six years. He then organized the Peckham Carriage Company for he desired that his labors should more directly benefit himself and from the beginning occupied the presidency of this important industrial concern, the trade of which constantly increased in extent and importance. In 1903 he extended the scope of the business by dealing in automobiles and his patronage in that direction has grown to large proportions. The name of the company has since been changed to the Peckham Motor Car Company. Mr. Peckham's suc-

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cess in this line would entitle him to mention as one of the representative business men of Dayton, but in other fields he has also proved his capability and resourcefulness, being now vice president of the Peckham Coal & Ice Company, operating artificial ice plants at Piqua and Troy, Ohio.

In 1898 in Dayton, Mr. Peckham was united in marriage to Miss Bess May Finch, a daughter of the late Milton H. Finch, and they have one child, Phyllis. They hold membership in and support the First Baptist church. Mr. Peckham is also prominent in Masonry, holding membership in Dayton Lodge, No. 147, A. F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; Reese Council No. 9, R. & S. M., of which he is a past illustrious master; and Reed Commandery, K. T., of which he is a past eminent commander. He has also taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite, and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. The craft finds in him a worthy exemplar, who is loyal to its beneficent spirit and its teachings concerning the brotherhood of mankind. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and though he does not seek nor desire political office he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and gives loyal support to those movements and measures which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

WILLIAM H. THIES.

William H. Thies, a general farmer and stock raiser of Mad River township, is the owner of one hundred and thirty acres of rich and productive land on the Troy pike, about three miles from the courthouse. His birth occurred on the old Thies homestead, which is located on the Brandt pike in Mad River township, his natal day being August 17, 1856. His parents were Theodore and Elizabeth (Brandenburg) Thies. The paternal grandparents, John and Mary (Pfoutz) Thies, spent their entire lives in Germany. On attaining man's estate Theodore Thies, the father of our subject, emigrated from Germany to the United States and, making his way at once to Montgomery county, Ohio, became a prominent pioneer citizen of Dayton. He was a successful contractor, built most of the pikes in Mad River township and also assisted in the construction of the Erie canal, thus contributing in large measure to the early development and upbuilding of this section of the state.

In his youthful years William H. Thies attended the schools of this county in the acquirement of an education and also worked at farm labor, thus early becoming familiar with the varied duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Since starting out in business life on his own account his time and energies have been devoted to farming and he is now the owner of a valuable tract of land in Mad River township, comprising one hundred and thirty acres. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he is also engaged in stock raising to some extent and in all of his undertakings has met with that measure of success which is ever the reward of untiring, persistent and well directed labor.

On the 8th of October, 1885, Mr. Thies was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Koehler, a daughter of Fred and Tracy (Wasmut) Koehler, of Mad River town-

ship. By this union there have been born six children, namely: Lewis, who is employed in Dayton; Clement, who has completed his education and now assists his father in the work of the home farm; Rosella, at home; Clara, who is attending school; Edward, who passed away in his nineteenth year, his remains being interred in Calvary cemetery; and George, who died when five years of age and was likewise laid to rest in Calvary cemetery.

Mr. Thies is a member of lodge No. 225 of the Knights of St. John and also belongs to Holy Rosary church, in which he has served as a trustee. The other members of his family also take an active and helpful part in the work of the church, doing all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Throughout his entire life Mr. Thies has been a resident of Montgomery county and is well known and highly esteemed as one of its successful and representative agriculturists and public-spirited citizens.

FREDERICK P. BEAVER.

The history of Frederick P. Beaver is that of a man whose intelligent appreciation and utilization of opportunities carried him into important business relations, while today as a retired capitalist he has a wide acquaintance among the leading business men and financiers of the city with whom his word carries weight in the consideration of business and financial problems. There were no unusual circumstances or esoteric chapters in the life record of Mr. Beaver, his success coming to him as the logical sequence of carefully directed labor, close application and unfaltering diligence, combined with the ability to coordinate forces into a unified and resultant whole.

His birth occurred in Dayton, November 29, 1845, his parents being J. N. F. and Caroline (Snyder) Beaver, natives of Pennsylvania and of French Huguenot and Prussian ancestry respectively. The father was born near Chambersburg and the mother near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, but in their youthful days they came to Ohio, J. N. F. Beaver arriving in this state in 1835. Nine years later he was married in Dayton to Miss Caroline Snyder, who had been a resident of the state since 1819. They began their domestic life in this city and for a number of years Mr. Beaver figured prominently in commercial and industrial circles and also as an advocate of those interests which uphold the legal, political and moral status of the community. He first engaged in the manufacture of candy and later turned his attention to the coal and coke business. Subsequently he entered the wholesale notion business as junior partner in the firm of Coffman & Beaver, the senior partner being Jacob Coffman. This relation was maintained uninterruptedly until the death of Mr. Beaver in August, 1856. He held membership in the Baptist church in which he served as deacon, and his political views in the closing years of his life were in harmony with the principles of the newly organized republican party. His widow survived him five years and passed away in March, 1861. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder who, coming to Ohio in pioneer times, remained residents of Dayton until called to the

home beyond. Her father was for a time proprietor of the hotel where the present Cooper House now stands.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. F. Beaver were five in number: Edward C., a resident of Frankfort, Indiana, who is in the insurance business; Hattie A., the widow of J. A. Crebs and a resident of Dayton; Charles H., who died in infancy; Ida A., the wife of Edward Canby of Dayton; and Frederick P.

The public schools of Dayton afforded Frederick P. Beaver his educational opportunities and when sixteen years of age he was earning his own livelihood as a paper carrier. Realizing the benefits that would come from special preparation for the duties of a business career, he pursued a commercial course and in 1863 accepted a position as bookkeeper with the firm of Chamberlain & Parker. His business career was interrupted, however, by his service in the Civil war, for in response to the country's call for men he served for one hundred days, enlisting on the 12th of May, 1864, when a youth of but eighteen years. On the expiration of his term of enlistment he reentered the employ of Chamberlain & Parker in Dayton and continued with that house until 1869. He was then sent to Toledo and under his own name conducted their branch store in that place for two years. Each step in his business career was a forward one, marking his growing powers, and when he left the firm of Chamberlain & Parker it was to engage in business on his own account as a member of the firm of Brownell, Orr & Company at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, where they operated a planing mill.

After spending a year in that city, however, Mr. Beaver returned to Dayton and purchased the interest of Edward Sweet in the firm of Chadwick & Sweet, furniture dealers, remaining for five years as the junior partner in the firm of Chadwick & Beaver. Into other channels he then directed his energies, organizing the Silver Star baking powder business, but that venture proved unprofitable and after a few months he closed out the business with considerable loss. With undaunted courage, however, he began in another direction, establishing the Beaver Soap Company, which under his capable control was developed and extended until the business became one of the foremost productive industries in this city. It had its beginning in 1879 in a little one-story frame building on Commercial street near Fifth. The output for the initial year was small but the excellence of their product was demonstrated to the trade and from time to time the growth of the business demanded enlarged quarters, necessitating four different removals. The plant in this way became an extensive one, scarcely exceeded in size by any of the large manufacturing establishments of Dayton. Several different brands of soap were placed upon the market and in the course of time found a ready and continuous sale. The growth of the business caused Mr. Beaver in 1883 to take Robert Marsh into partnership and in 1885 W. D. Chamberlain also became a member of the firm under the name of Beaver & Company. In September, 1893, the business was incorporated under the style of the Beaver Soap Company with F. P. Beaver as president; W. D. Chamberlin, vice president and C. F. Snyder, secretary and treasurer. Throughout his business life Mr. Beaver has displayed an aptitude for successful management, wisely discriminating between the essential and nonessential, knowing that at all times success may be obtained by persistent, earnest effort combined with an understanding of the conditions that bear upon the different lines of activity.

In the development of an extensive and important industry he closely studied the market, demanded that the product of the house should be a fair equivalent for the purchase money received and, moreover, surrounded himself by an able corps of assistants in the management of the office interests of the business. All of these features combined to gain for him the present position which he now occupies as a retired capitalist whose name is an honored one on commercial paper.

On the 29th of November, 1893, Mr. Beaver was united in marriage to Miss Emma J. Thompson, a daughter of Ralph and Mary J. Thompson, of Terre Haute, Indiana. She died in January, 1900, and in February 1902, he married Miss Mary M. Fresher.

Mr. Beaver is a member of the First Baptist church and resides at the northeast corner of Second and Perry streets. Throughout the years of his residence in Dayton, covering almost his entire life, he has been deeply interested in everything pertaining to its welfare and has given the weight of his influence to every important and progressive measure. He stands today a strong man, strong in his honor and his good name, in his ability to plan and perform, and equally strong in his purposes and in his adherence to the rules which govern honorable, upright manhood.

CHARLES E. BUTTS.

Charles E. Butts, a market gardener of Mad River township, owns a fine truck farm of six acres on the old Troy pike, about three miles from the courthouse. His birth occurred in Harshman, Ohio, on the 21st of May, 1860, his parents being Nelson and Mary (Broadstone) Butts. The paternal grandfather of our subject was William Butts. In early manhood Nelson Butts made his way from Virginia to Montgomery county, this state, becoming one of the pioneer settlers here, and as the years went by he became widely recognized as a successful and enterprising agriculturist.

Charles E. Butts spent his time in his youthful years as a student in the schools of his native village and as an assistant on his father's farm. After attaining years of maturity he took up his abode in Dayton, where he was employed by the National Cash Register Company for about eighteen years, his long retention in the position being ample proof of his capability and trustworthiness. He is now devoting his time and energies to market gardening on his farm of six acres in Mad River township and in this line of activity has met with gratifying and well merited measure of prosperity.

On the 9th of February, 1882, Mr. Butts was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Shoettledryer, a daughter of Fred and Henrietta (Hoffman) Shoettledryer. Her paternal grandparents were Fred and Sophia Shoettledryer and the grandfather was the first representative of the name in Montgomery county, becoming one of the early settlers here. Fred Shoettledryer, the father of Mrs. Butts, was about nineteen years of age when he accompanied his parents on their emigration from Germany to the United States, the family home being es-

tablished on the Troy pike, near Chambersburg. There he owned a valuable farm and reared his family of four children, as follows: Fred, who is now deceased; Sophia; Gussie; and Mrs. Butts. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Butts have been born four children, but the first two, William and Naomi, have passed away. Grace Irene is a graduate of the Dayton grammar schools and also attended the Steele high school for one year. Eva, like her sister Grace, has completed her education.

For three years Mr. Butts served as constable of Harrison township, proving a most efficient officer. Fraternally he is connected with Gem City Lodge, No. 3225, M. W. A., and in religious faith is a Lutheran, belonging to the church of that denomination in Dayton and taking an active and helpful part in its work. He is highly esteemed throughout the county in which his entire life has been spent, his many good qualities of heart and mind having won for him a large number of friends. In his business life he made good use of his opportunities, has utilized his possibilities to the best advantage and as the years have passed by he has gained a place among the honored self-made men who owe their prosperity entirely to their energy, their integrity and their labors.

SOL FLATAU.

Sol Flatau, although practicing at the Dayton bar for only seven years, has already gained gratifying patronage and his alert and keen mental activity will insure continued progress in the path of his chosen profession. He was born at Filehne, Germany, April 21, 1865, and came to America in 1879 when a youth of fourteen years. The journey was made in company with his parents who located in Athens, Georgia, where he resided until 1901, and in that city completed his education as a student in the University of Georgia.

Having largely mastered the principles of law and successfully passed the required examination, Mr. Flatau was admitted to the bar in 1892, after which he located for practice in Athens, remaining a representative of the legal fraternity there for nine years. He met with good success, but wishing to enjoy the broader field of labor offered in the city he came to Dayton and has since practiced in the courts of this district. Ready at almost a moment's notice to quote a legal principle or precedent, readily seeing the related value of points in a case and at all times cognizant of the salient points upon which the decision of every case eventually turns, lawyers and judges listen to him with attention and respect and as the years pass he is gaining a growing practice. Mr. Flatau has made a specialty of commercial law and is considered an expert, having been called to take charge of some of the most important cases in the country. He has incorporated over forty firms in Montgomery county and it is unique inasmuch as all of the businesses are still successful.

In Chicago, on the 20th of January, 1897, Mr. Flatau was married to Miss Henrietta Wolf and they have a daughter, Hortense, who was born in Athens, Georgia, January 29, 1899. Mr. Flatau was vice president of the Garfield Club of Dayton for two years and still retains his membership, and belongs

to the city and county executive committee of the republican party. He puts forth every effort in his power to promote the growth and secure the adoption of republican principles and keeps well informed concerning the questions of the day. He holds membership with the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum, and the Tribe of Ben Hur, and is a past president of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, which he has represented as a delegate to the grand lodge, and is a member of the constitution grand lodge. He is a member of the Standard Club and also the Dayton Bicycle Club.

HUGH M. WILSON.

Dayton recently received an addition to her business circles when Hugh M. Wilson entered upon active association with the Barney & Smith Car Company as vice president and director. For a considerable period he was president of The Wilson Company, Chicago, publishers of The Railway Age and the Electric Railway Review, and he is especially fitted for the duties of his present position because of his wide acquaintance with railroad men and his understanding of matters pertaining to railway administration and operation.

Mr. Wilson was born in Jacksonville, Illinois, June 29, 1866, and is a son of Hugh and Isabella (Smith) Wilson, both of whom were natives of Scotland. He attended the public schools of Jacksonville and in 1882 he entered Illinois College, located in his native town, from which he was graduated in 1887 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He was active in the student life of his college, was associate editor and business manager of the college paper and was orator of his class. He is a trustee of his alma mater and in 1904 on the occasion of the celebration of its seventy-fifth anniversary the college conferred upon him the degree of Master of Arts.

Hugh M. Wilson received his early business training under the direction of his father, who was an architect, contractor and builder and also conducted a planing mill, door, sash and blind factory. The son gained varied experience by doing many kinds of work about the factory and the office, acting for a time as bookkeeper, and he also attended a business college, so that he received the training in fundamentals which qualified him for business life. He spent a year in his father's business between his sophomore and junior years in college. It was his intention at that time to study law but a disastrous fire, which destroyed his father's business, so limited the financial resources of the family that it was necessary for him to provide for his own support. He secured the position of city editor of the Jacksonville Daily Journal.

In March, 1888, Mr. Wilson went to Minneapolis, Minnesota, and became a reporter on the Minneapolis Evening Star. A year later he became associated with the Mississippi Valley Lumberman, a weekly commercial journal, at Minneapolis. It was during his residence there that Mr. Wilson was married on the 9th of October, 1890, to Miss Olive Mary Williams, of Red Wing, Minnesota. In May, 1891, he became associate editor on the Northwestern Railroader at Minneapolis. During his business career up to this time his energies were divided

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between editorial work and business management. Even in his college days he was both associate editor and business manager of the college paper. The tendency he early manifested to gravitate from editorial to business life has continued up to the present. Within two weeks after he went to the Northwestern Railroader as associate editor he was in the business department straightening out the company's books.

Although Mr. Wilson spent a good many years in successful editorial work he has always been more of a business man than an editor. He attended the conventions of the Master Car Builders' and Master Mechanics' Associations for the first time at Cape May, New Jersey, in June, 1891. On the 15th of September of that year he moved to Chicago, for at that time the Northwestern Railroader was consolidated with the Railway Age, and he continued with the consolidated company as secretary-treasurer. He handled not only the office work of the business department but also a great deal of the news of the paper, especially that relating to equipment and supplies. He subsequently became manager and associate editor, still retaining the title and duties of secretary-treasurer. He was elected president of the Railway Age Company in 1899. In 1905 that company published a daily at the International Railway Congress in Washington, which was the official journal of the congress. This daily was printed in both French and English and was considered by railway officials of many nations to be a considerable undertaking. For the successful issuance of this journal, Mr. Wilson was decorated Chevalier of the Order of Leopold by the King of Belgium. In May, 1906, The Wilson Company was organized with Mr. Wilson as president. This company continued to publish The Railway Age and also bought the Electric Railway Review, which it changed from a monthly to a weekly. Mr. Wilson's active and energetic work for years in behalf of the railway supply interests is well known. He was secretary of the Railway Supply Manufacturers' Association from 1893 until 1897, inclusive, and thus the greater part of his experiences up to the present time was such as to qualify him for the duties of the position which he has recently assumed—that of vice president of the Barney & Smith Car Company.

Mr. Wilson is not unknown in social life. In fact, he is a popular member of the Union League Club of Chicago, the Chicago Athletic Club, the Chicago Engineers Club, the City Club, the Caxton Club and the Glenview Country Club, all of Chicago. Already he has a somewhat extended acquaintance in Dayton, his reputation having insured him a warm reception in the business circles of the city.

SIMON S. MUMMA.

Simon S. Mumma, who is successfully engaged in market gardening in Harrison township, has a well improved farm of sixty acres on the Salem pike, about two and a half miles from Dayton. His birth occurred February 2, 1857, on the old Mumma homestead in Harrison township, his parents being Jacob and Susan (Klepinger) Mumma, the former also a native of this county. Jacob Mumma, a retired agriculturist, is one of the best known men in Montgomery county and

one of the oldest citizens of Harrison township. Unto him and his wife were born eleven children.

Simon S. Mumma received his education in the schools of his native township and when not busy with his studies he aided his father in the cultivation of the home farm. Since attaining man's estate he has devoted his time and energies to truck farming on his place of sixty acres and also raises some stock, meeting with a highly gratifying and most commendable measure of success in his undertakings. He has erected a large and substantial barn, while his residence is one of the most attractive and commodious in the entire county, containing eleven rooms and being up-to-date and modern in every particular. His reputation for business integrity is unassailable and his methods have ever been such as would bear close investigation and scrutiny.

On the 28th of September, 1882, Mr. Mumma was united in marriage to Miss Nannie M. Studebaker, a daughter of James and Beliah (Sweitzer) Studebaker, who came to this county from Pennsylvania. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children, namely: Earl M.; Myrtle M., the wife of Harold Wampler; Ethel M.; and Orphia. Mr. Mumma belongs to the First Reformed church and his life has ever been in harmony with his professions as a member thereof. He has always lived in this county and his interest in its welfare and upbuilding is deep and sincere, as is manifest by his active cooperation in many movements for the public good.

WILLIAM J. BURKHARDT.

William J. Burkhardt is a splendid representative of the German-American citizenship in Dayton. The Teutonic race has had much to do with the civilization of the world and with its continued progress in later years. The great German empire is continually sending forth its sons, who carry with them into new regions the spirit of persistency and determination which has ever characterized the people of that land. To this class belong William J. Burkhardt, now well known in Dayton as a manufacturer of jewelry.

He was born in Pforzheim, Baden, on the 9th of March, 1870, and is a son of Christian Burkhardt, whose birth occurred in Knittlingen, Germany, in 1834. Crossing the Atlantic to America in 1858, the father located in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he worked for Duhme & Company until after the outbreak of the Civil war. He was one of those who volunteered for the defense of Cincinnati against the threatened invasion of the Confederates under General Kirby Smith in 1863. As he was not at that time a naturalized citizen of the United States, he could not regularly enlist in the Federal army but defended the interests of his country as stated. He was always most loyal to America, her people and her institutions, having a deep attachment for his adopted country. He was connected with one of the military organizations of this state for eighteen months. In 1863, however, he returned to Germany and spent the remainder of his days in his native land, passing away there in 1897. He was married in that country, in the year of his return, to Miss Catharine Karcher and unto them were born eleven

children, eight of whom died in infancy, while three are yet living, namely: Henry E., of Cincinnati, Ohio; William J., of this review; and Albert, who is also a resident of Cincinnati, Ohio. As indicated, the surviving sons have all become residents of the new world and are still living in Ohio. The mother died in Germany in December, 1907, having survived her husband for about a decade.

William J. Burkhardt was reared in the land of his birth, remaining there to the age of eighteen years, when the favorable reports which he had heard concerning America and its business conditions awakened in him the desire to try his fortune on this side of the Atlantic. Accordingly he bade adieu to home and kindred and sailed for New York city, there remaining for two years. In 1890 he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered the employ of Duhme & Company, jewelers, with whom he continued for five years. In 1898 he removed to Dayton and opened his present store, having since engaged in business here as a manufacturer of and dealer in jewelry. The business has had a healthful and substantial growth, increasing year by year until it is now a profitable enterprise, while the owner is regarded as a valuable asset in the business circles of his adopted city.

In 1899 Mr. Burkhardt was united in marriage in Dayton to Miss Katie Hoffritz and they have four children: Carl William, Elsa Frieda, Emma K. and Herman Frederick.

The family belong to the Lutheran church and Mr. Burkhardt is also a member of St. Luke's Society, the German Turngemeinde, the Deutsche Eiche Lodge and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. He occupies a prominent position among the German-American residents of Dayton, nor is his acquaintance by any means limited to those of his own nationality. He is a true American citizen in thought, interests and purpose, having a sincere attachment for the stars and stripes. He has found here a congenial atmosphere, while its business conditions have been favorable, as they always are if one has industry, energy and determination. In this land, where labor is unhampered by caste or class, success depends upon the individual and, realizing this fact, William J. Burkhardt has made steady progress.

KEPPELE HALL.

Keppele Hall, a contracting engineer of Dayton, whose thorough preparation for his profession, combined with his unfaltering energy, has brought him to a creditable position in business circles, was born in Newark, New Jersey, on the 10th of June, 1872. A year later his parents removed to Trenton, New Jersey, where they resided until 1898. In the meantime the son began his education in the public schools and continued his studies in the State Normal and Model School, from which he was graduated in 1889. Splendid educational facilities were offered him, for after leaving that institution he had the privilege of attending Princeton University, where he completed the four years' course by graduation in 1893, while subsequently he pursued a post-graduate course in electrical engineering, there continuing for a year.

After winning his degree of electrical engineer, Mr. Hall opened an office and remained in Trenton until 1897. He then went to New York city with the Western Electric Company, accepting a position in its electrical laboratory. After spending three years there he went to Red Bank, New Jersey, in 1900 as manager of the Shore Electric Company and the Seabright Electric Light Company. He remained at Red Bank until 1902 and then came to Dayton as consulting engineer for the National Cash Register Company, which position he filled for four years or until 1906, when he began an engineering contracting business on his own account under the name of the Keppele Hall Company. In 1908 the business was reorganized as the Hall-Cronan Company, of which Mr. Hall is the president. This is now one of the profitable concerns of the character in Dayton, the ability of the partners gaining for them first rank in professional circles.

In 1896 Mr. Hall was united in marriage in Trenton, New Jersey, to Miss Fanny Southard Hay, a daughter of Malcolm Hay, of Pittsburg, who was the first assistant postmaster general under Cleveland's first administration and died while filling that position. Mr. Hall belongs to the Dayton City Club, the Buzfuz Club, the Dayton Country Club and to Christ Episcopal church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests. In politics he is independent and does not seek office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon a business for which he has splendidly qualified by educational training and in which he has made steady advance, occupying a prominent place in professional circles.

CONRAD J. MATTERN.

Conrad J. Mattern, practicing at the Dayton bar as senior partner of the firm of Mattern & Brumbaugh, was born October 14, 1869, in Pomeroy, Ohio. His father, Conrad Mattern, was a native of Germany and, coming to America with his parents in his youthful days, became a resident of Pomeroy where he remained until his removal to Dayton, in 1888. He served his adopted country as a soldier in the Union army in the Civil war, becoming a member of the Ohio infantry.

Conrad J. Mattern became a pupil in the public schools of Pomeroy at the usual age and therein pursued his studies, passing through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1888. A mental review of the field of business determined him to enter upon the study of law in preparation for a life devoted to the practice of the profession. His collegiate work was done in the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1891 and the same year was admitted to the bar. It was also in that year that he became deputy clerk of the common pleas court and so served until 1895. In the latter year he was made clerk of the police court, capably filling the position for three years. He now gives his attention to the private practice of law and his ability has carried him into important professional relations, his thorough and comprehensive understanding of legal principles enabling him to see the relation between points involved and the points in litigation. His presentation of his cause is always earnest and forceful and the records chronicle many notable verdicts which he has won for his clients.

In 1893, in Dayton, Mr. Mattern was married to Miss Jessie Whitehurst, and they have two sons, Guinn and Lewis. Mr. Mattern belongs to the Masonic fraternity, to the Sons of Veterans Camp and to the United Brethren church, associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests. His political views accord with the principles of the republican party and he takes an active interest in its work, believing that the adoption of its platform will best conserve good government.

WILLIAM R. SULLIVAN.

William R. Sullivan is one of the most industrious young men in Dayton and by his unfaltering diligence has been very successful in all the business enterprises in which he has engaged. His ideas are of a practical character and whenever one avenue of advancement seems closed he seeks out another path whereby he may attain the goal of his desires. It is thus that he has become well known as a successful business man, having now a large clientage both as an insurance agent and investment broker.

Dayton numbers him abong her native sons, his birth having occurred here in 1869. At the usual age he entered the public schools and passed through consecutive grades as he mastered the branches taught in each semester. He also attended St. Mary's Institute but left school at the age of fourteen years, in order to provide for his own support, as his father had died and it was necessary that he earn his own living. Indeed he was dependent upon his own resources from the age of twelve years, although he attended school for two years longer, using the vacation period and the morning and evening hours for his work. He was first employed by the firm of S. N. Brown in painting wagon hubs on Saturdays and after school. Later he entered the Brownell Boiler Works, where he continued for a year and a half, after which he secured a position in the office of his uncle, John A. Murphy, a coal dealer, with whom he continued for three years. He then became night yard clerk for the Big Four Railroad Company and for a year and a half he was chief yard clerk. Two months later he received the appointment of assistant secretary to the city auditor and filled that position for seven years. In 1898 he was elected clerk of the police court and served for three years. On the expiration of that period he went to Mexico where he spent a year, after which he returned to Dayton and here engaged in the insurance business. It has since claimed his time and energies and that he thoroughly understands insurance in every department and manifests close application and unfaltering diligence is proven in the success which he has won. He is also well known as an investment broker and is thoroughly informed concerning the value of commercial paper and other investments.

In 1902 Mr. Sullivan was united in marriage in Dayton to Miss Clara Hanley and they have three children as follows: James Gordon, Jane Claire and Virginia Louise. In his fraternal relations Mr. Sullivan is an Elk and is also connected with the Knights of Clumbus. He belongs to St. Joseph Catholic church and in his political views is a democrat and interested in the success of his party

and active in support of its principles. He is a man of good habits, who gives strict attention to business and there is no esoteric phase in his life record. He has sought his advancement along legitimate lines and it is because he has not been afraid of hard work but has persistently sought his success that he is numbered among the men of affluence in his community.

ANDREW AMAN.

Andrew Aman, a representative of the jewelry trade of Dayton, his native city, was born in 1862. In 1864, however, his parents removed to Waynesville, Warren county, Ohio, although later they returned to Dayton, where the father, Arbogast Aman, died in the year 1898. He is still survived by his widow, who is yet a resident of this city. The father was born in Germany in 1837 and in early life came to America. He was married in Xenia, Ohio, to Miss Sibila Bender, and to them were born five children, of whom two died in infancy, while three are yet living, namely: Andrew, Clara E. and Charles M., all residents of Dayton.

Mr. Aman of this review was but two years of age when his parents went to Waynesville, Ohio, and there he lived until he reached the age of sixteen, when the family returned to Dayton. Here he entered the jewelry store of Frank Saup and learned the trade. There he continued for thirteen years, during which time he gained comprehensive knowledge of the business in principle and detail, his broad experience well qualifying him to engage in business on his own account when, in 1889, he opened a stock of jewelry in the same room which he now occupies. He formed a partnership with H. S. Crane, the firm being known as Aman & Company, but in 1896 Mr. Crane retired and our subject has since been alone in business, though he has retained the old name of Aman & Company. His trade has increased very largely and he now has one of the largest jewelry stores of Dayton. He carries a well selected line of goods, containing some of the finest productions known to the trade and his patronage is of a most gratifying character. He was a victim of one of the boldest robberies that ever occurred in Dayton. On the night of February 20, 1903, just before closing time, at ten minutes of six, P. M., a window was broken and from it was taken a box of gems valued at two thousand, six hundred dollars. No trace of the robbers have ever been found.

In February, 1906, in Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Aman was married to Miss Katharine Zuebelen, a daughter of Dr. G. Zuebelen, and on their wedding trip they visited Honolulu, Japan and China, leaving San Francisco on the 8th of March, just before the earthquake, and returning on the 1st of July in time to see the terrible change that had been made in the few months that they had been gone. They have one son, Andrew, Jr. Mr. Aman has devoted considerable time to travel. In 1899 he toured the West Indies while the American soldiers still occupied Cuba and Porto Rico. Since then he has traveled extensively through many countries in Europe, including Turkey and Greece, and has also visited Egypt and the Holy Land. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, to the Knights of Columbus and to Emanuel (Catholic) church. He is not a poli-

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tician nor does he seek to figure prominently in the public life in any way outside the strict path of business. He concentrates his attention and his energies upon the upbuilding of his trade and the result is shown in a liberal patronage which makes his one of the leading jewelry establishments of this city.

G. RUSSELL WELLS.

An unchangeable destiny accords success to tireless energy when it is guided by sound judgment. In all of his business career G. Russell Wells, one of the leading merchant tailors of Dayton, has recognized that the present and not the future holds his opportunity and has won his advancement because he has made use of each passing hour. Born in Dayton in 1855, he has always resided here and that his life record in its various phases has been the exemplification of many sterling traits of character is indicated in the high regard in which he is uniformly held. He comes of English ancestry, his grandfather, William Wells, having been a native of England. On crossing the Atlantic to the new world he settled in Massachusetts, where his remaining days were passed. His son, Foreman S. Wells, was born in that state about 1830 and in early manhood arrived in Dayton, where he later wedded Miss Mary Lehman, a native of this state and a daughter of David Lehman, one of the pioneer residents of Dayton. Unto this marriage were born four children: Alice E., the wife of Samuel Lutz, of Dayton; G. Russell, of this review; Rollen D., of Dayton; and Sallie K., the deceased wife of John L. Kneisly, her death occurring in July, 1900. The father continued in business in Dayton until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he offered his services to the government, joining the Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but when the regiment was organized he was rejected on account of his size. Later he was accepted as a member of the Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry and disappeared in 1862, since which time nothing has been heard from him. He was a member of the old Dayton volunteer fire department—Oregon No. 1—and was well known in the early days of the city. His wife, a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, died March 7, 1906, at the age of seventy-six years.

G. Russell Wells is indebted to the public-school system of Dayton for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. Circumstances, however, forced him to leave school at the early age of thirteen years to provide for his own support. He then began to work in a tailoring establishment and worked up to high salesmanship. In 1887 he began business on his own account in a partnership which continued for seven years. Later he became the junior partner of the firm of Charch & Wells, which relation was maintained for about six years, or until 1901, when Mr. Wells became sole proprietor of the business, which he is now conducting under his own name. He has a well appointed establishment, carries a large line of goods and draws his patronage from among the best people of the city. He uses the latest improvements and appliances to facilitate his business, employs a number of skilled workmen and has an able corps of assistants in his establishment. That he is prominent and popular among the representatives of the same line of business is indicated by the fact that he was honored

with the presidency of the Merchant Tailors Exchange of Dayton for many years. He has likewise extended his efforts to other fields of activity, being now the president of the Ball Cream Beater Company of Dayton and a director of the Bradford Woolen Company of this city. His business judgment is sound and reliable so that his cooperation is regarded as a valuable factor in different business concerns.

Mr. Wells is very prominent in different organizations, being now the secretary and treasurer of the Vingt et Un Club and a member of the Bicycle Club, Mystic Club, Garfield Club, and the Fish & Game Club. He is likewise a prominent Mason, belonging to the lodge, chapter, commandery and consistory. He has also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and is first alchemist in Antioch Shrine. He belongs likewise to the Knights of Pythias lodge and is a member of the First Reformed church and the Young Men's Christian Association, serving on the social committee in the latter organization. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party and he takes an active interest in politics. At one time he served as a member of the board of education and the public schools have found in him a warm friend and stalwart champion. His citizenship is of a most progressive character and is manifest in his cooperation with all that pertains to the public good. He justly merits all the praise implied in the term "a self-made man," for starting in life on his own account at the age of thirteen, he has sought success along lines which never demanded nor required disguise. His energy and persistency of purpose have enabled him to overcome obstacles and difficulties which have proved stumbling blocks in the path of others and in his intelligent anticipation of and appreciation for opportunity, he has won the success which now places him in a prominent position among the business men of Dayton.

Mr. Wells was married in 1881 to Miss Louise Cotterill, of Dayton, who died September 16, 1886, leaving one son, George Reber Wells, now in the employ of Winters National Bank. Mr. Wells was again married April 29, 1896, his second union being with Miss Bessie M. Salisbury, of Dayton, by whom he has a son, Dickson Heinl Wells, now eleven years of age.

JOHN C. SHEA.

John C. Shea, attorney at law, practicing at the Dayton bar as a member of the firm of Ferneding, McConnaughey & Shea, was born April 25, 1876, in the city which is yet his home and was here reared and received his preliminary education. He left school at the age of eleven years, however, to earn his own living and was first employed as office boy by the firm of Young & Young, attorneys at law. Afterward he was employed in the factory of the Barney & Smith Car Works. It was while in his first service that he became imbued with the desire to some day enter upon the practice of law and in the intervening years he never gave up this plan but worked always with that end in view. Realizing that general education constitutes a basis for professional learning, he attended

the University of Notre Dame at South Bend, Indiana, meeting the expenses of his college course through his own labor. He left that institution in 1895 and returned to Dayton, where he was employed in various ways, but in the fall of 1897 he entered the postoffice in a clerical capacity, there remaining for a year. During the same period he acted as janitor at Miami Commercial College in order to obtain a commercial education. In 1898 he entered the employ of the National Cash Register Company as stenographer in the legal department, where he remained until 1900 when he took a stenographic position in the office of Hon. John A. McMahon, there reading law as he had opportunity until the fall of 1901. At that date he matriculated in the Western Reserve University, Cleveland, and was graduated in 1902 from the law department.

Immediately Mr. Shea returned to Dayton, where he opened an office for himself, and six months later he formed a partnership with John N. Van Deman and Edward E. Burkhart under the firm name of Van Deman, Burkhart & Shea, which relation was maintained for three years, when the present firm of Ferneding, McConnaughey & Shea was organized. In this connection Mr. Shea is doing important legal work and in his profession has based his advice upon an understanding of the fact that unremitting diligence, close and discriminating study and logical reasoning constitute the basis of success.

Mr. Shea has never held political office but in 1906 was defeated for the position of city solicitor, his party being in the minority. He is secretary, attorney and director of The Market Savings Bank; is secretary and director of The Columbian Land & Building Company; and director of The W. L. Bucher Cigar Company and The Gem City Automobile Company. He belongs to the Knights of Columbus and is supreme counsel for the Knights of St. John. He is also connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a member of the educational committee of the Young Men's Christian Association. Remembering his own struggles for advancement, he is interested in helping others who desire to make progress in this line of work. In his profession he is making substantial advance, actuated in all that he does by a laudable ambition that is bringing him into important connection with the legal interests of this city.

OLIVER C. BLACK.

Oliver C. Black has for the past three years been acting as general manager of the Riverview Stock Farm, owned by B. F. McCann. He was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, May 19, 1856, his parents being James and Susan (Boyer) Black. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, owned a tract of eighty acres on the old Troy pike, about seven miles north of Dayton, but sold the property sometime ago. He was three times married and had eight children, Oliver C. being born by his third wife.

In his youthful years Oliver C. Black attended school in Wayne township, this county, and also assisted his father in the cultivation and development of the home farm. He early manifested special aptitude in the care and management of horses and his work has always been along this line. For the past three years

he has had charge of the Riverview Stock Farm and in addition to looking after the stock also gives supervision of the work of the fields, proving a most capable and efficient manager.

On the 20th of February, 1879, occurred the marriage of Mr. Black and Miss Sallie Roof, a daughter of Andrew and Mary Roof. By this union have been born three children, namely: Mabel, at home; Clarence, who is assisting his father; and Quincy C., likewise under the parental roof.

Fraternally Mr. Black is identified with Little York Lodge, No. 696, I. O. O. F., while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the United Brethren church, to which the members of his family also belong. He is well known and highly esteemed throughout the county in which his entire life has been spent, his genuine worth and high principles having commended him to the good will, trust and respect of all with whom he has been associated.

ELIJAH J. COLER.

When one sees Elijah J. Coler quietly, diligently and carefully managing his mercantile interests as the senior partner of the firm of Coler & Kunes, proprietors of a general farmers' supply store, it seems hardly possible to realize that he has been the center of several adventures as thrilling as any that appear on the pages of fiction. His life, however, has been varied in its interests and its experiences, and throughout his entire record he has held to high standards and has thus merited the esteem and regard which are so uniformly accorded him. Five years ago he established the store which he is now conducting and which is one of the few of the kind in Montgomery county. He is the proprietor and is carrying a line of goods that includes everything demanded by the farmers.

Mr. Coler was born in Jefferson township near Liberty on the old Coler homestead, July 16, 1853, and is a son of Noah and Eliza (Gregg) Coler. The father was a farmer who came to Ohio from Maryland in company with his parents when three years of age. The journey westward was made by wagon through the wilderness unaccompanied by any other travelers. Here Noah Coler was reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life and eventually became a prominent farmer, owning and controlling an extensive tract of land which he transformed into rich and arable fields, successfully gathering therefrom abundant harvests. He died about five years ago and his remains were interred in the Woodland cemetery in Dayton. He was a son of John and Elizabeth Coler the former a native of Germany, who, on coming to the new world, settled on a tract of land in Maryland. He lived there for some years before his removal to Ohio, and then casting in his lot with the early settlers of Montgomery county, when this was a frontier district, he continued in active association with its farming interests until his demise. His grave was made in Twin Creek cemetery in Preble county.

Elijah J. Coler, whose name introduces this review, pursued his education in the common schools and through the periods of vacation worked with his father on the home farm. He also attended the Normal School in Lebanon, Ohio, in

1873. Subsequently he returned to Dayton, where he pursued a course in the Miami Commercial College, and in due time he was graduated. After putting aside his text-books he returned to the farm where he remained for three years. Many interesting and eventful experiences have been his portion in life. During the war he was made the means of communication between Liberty and Dayton, for he was a little lad at the time and no one would suspect that he was upon any errand of importance. He would mount a horse and ride bareback into Dayton to the Winters Bank, which was then the oldest bank in the county, and there would leave a message and perhaps receive one to be taken to Liberty. It was a time of much danger in this section of the country for the spirit of unrest was here manifest and there was always the threatened danger of invasion.

When a young man Mr. Coler engaged in teaming and had various exciting adventures during that period. At one time, while carrying a large amount of money, he was followed by a highway robber who jumped into his wagon on an old covered bridge in Dayton, but Mr. Coler knocked him out with the butt end of his black snake whip, which made a very dangerous weapon. On another occasion he was held up near the Soldiers Home when two men tried to grab his horse, but he hit the horse with his whip and it started at a gallop. At the same time Mr. Coler pulled out his gun and several shots were exchanged.

During his early manhood Mr. Coler learned the patternmaking trade but never worked at it as a business. He made a trip to the west for educational purposes and spent about six months in that part of the country, making a close study of conditions that there existed. At one time Mr. Coler was engaged in the general repair business in Liberty. He also patented a gate and self-unloading wagon which he manufactured at that town. He is still working on the wagon, for which he has a good sale in this part of the country. About five years ago he established his present business, conducting a general farmers supply store. The firm carrying everything needed on the farm, the business being conducted under the firm style of Coler & Kunes. Mr. Coler, however, is the owner of the establishment and displays marked enterprise in its management and control.

On the 3d of February, 1881, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Coler and Miss Laura E. Gifford, a daughter of William and Ermina (Fudge) Gifford. Her parents were Preble county farming people of English descent who removed from New Jersey to this state. They became very prominent and influential in the community, enjoying in large measure the high regard of those who knew them. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Coler have been born seven children: Grace, the wife of Guy Kunes, employed in Mr. Coler's store, by whom she has two children, Ruth and Etina; four who have passed away; Katherine, a high school student in the sophomore year; and Naomi, also a school student.

Mr. Coler belongs to Oak Lodge, No. 265, I. O. O. F., in New Lebanon, and has passed through all of the chairs of the order. He is also a member of the Lutheran church and is prominent in its work, taking an active interest in everything pertaining to its growth and the extension of its influence. He and his wife have traveled quite extensively and they visited many expositions, thus gaining knowledge not only of the work of America but also of the world. On

one trip to Detroit they were caught in a very severe storm on Lake Erie but at length landed in safety. They occupy one of the fine modern homes of Trotwood, their house containing ten rooms which are attractively and comfortably furnished. It is situated on Main street and is justly celebrated for its hospitality, which is freely accorded to all.

EDWARD BURR SOLOMON.

Edward Burr Solomon, retired from active life, has invested interests which are bringing to him substantial returns, and he is well known as one who has figured actively, prominently and honorably in the commercial circles of Dayton, his native city. He was born August 8, 1842, a son of Charles A. and Jeannette W. (Burr) Solomon, and a grandson of Levi Solomon, who was born in New Jersey. The father's birth occurred at Freehold, New Jersey, and in 1839 he came to Dayton, traveling westward by wagon from his native state. He was married in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1833 to Jeannette Weatherspoon Burr, whose father was a relative of Aaron Burr. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Solomon were born four children, of whom a daughter died in infancy, while three reached adult age: Eliza Jane, who was married in Dayton to J. G. Stutsman and died in 1863; George F., living in Dayton; and Edward B. Following his removal to the west the father engaged in farming in Montgomery county, Ohio, but died at the early age of twenty-nine years.

Edward Burr Solomon was reared in the city of his nativity and is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. He continued his studies to the age of fifteen years and then entered the employ of James Perrine, a dry-goods merchant, as general utility man. He remained with that house for seven or eight years and then entered the service of Coffman, Osborn & Company, wholesale dealers in notions and hats, with which business he was connected for twenty-four years. He was soon admitted to the firm, which was reorganized under the name of Osborn, Solomon & Company, and so continued until 1892, when it was merged with the Gem Shirt Company. The house of Osborn, Solomon & Company had been engaged in manufacturing overalls and after the merger extended the scope of the business to include another line of men's furnishings. Mr. Solomon remained with the company for only a year after the two interests were merged, however, and at the end of that time became one of the incorporators of the Beaver Soap Company, of which he has since been a stockholder. He is now retired from active business.

On the 12th of June, 1872, in Willimantic, Connecticut, Mr. Solomon was united in marriage to Miss Sarah H. Hinckley. Their only child, Charles Hinckley Solomon, born on the 14th of May, 1873, died on the 31st of May, 1890, his loss proving an almost unbearable blow to his parents. He was a most lovable boy, of marked intellectual force, and extended mention of him is made on another page of this volume. As a memorial to his son the father has furnished a suite of three rooms in the Young Men's Christian Association building and has also erected a memorial library. The rooms are furnished with Mission furni-

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ture, including a large book-case filled with books, while elegant rugs are on the floor and costly paintings adorn the walls, including a life-like, large oil painting of their son Charles, which hangs in the middle room. They hold membership in the First Baptist church and Mr. Solomon belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has attained the Knights Templar degree. His political belief is manifest in his support of the republican party where national issues are involved. At local elections, however, he is identified with that independent movement which is one of the hopeful signs of the times, showing that men of public spirit have been aroused to the abuses that have made their way into politics and will stand for good government, for local progress and national advancement even at the sacrifice of party interests. He belongs to that public-spirited, useful and helpful type of men whose ambitions and desires are centered and directed in those channels through which flow the greatest and most permanent good to the greatest number. He started out in life for himself at the early age of fifteen years and has achieved most creditable success as he has worked his way upward. His life work has been that of a merchant and manufacturer. He belongs to that class of men who wield a power which is all the more potent from the fact that it is moral rather than physical and is exercised for the public weal rather than for personal ends.

CHARLES HINCKLEY SOLOMON.

The familiar and affectionate term of Charley had not been replaced among his associates by the more dignified term of Charles as expressive of manhood's years when the young life was ended, around which was centered so much of parental hope and which was expressive of so great promise. He had hardly passed beyond the seventeenth milestone on the journey of life when he passed to the home beyond. His memory remains as a guiding star to those to whom he was very near and dear—the memory of a young life that was full of all that is beautiful and lovable in the child as he passes from early youth to the years of responsibility and developed powers.

It was on the 14th of May, 1873, that Charles Hinckley Solomon came into the home of Edward B. and Sarah H. Solomon—the only child, the remembrance of whom is both a pleasure and a pain—a pain because of the fact that he is no more with them and pleasure in the recollection of all that a loving and lovable boy can be to his parents. He had come to the age when parental love and care were knowing much of that hallowed companionship which can and does exist at times between an only child and his parents. The comfortable financial circumstances of the father enabled him to give to the son such advantages as were best for his physical, mental and moral development. He had hardly uttered his first few words when it was seen that he was a precocious child and throughout his entire life in many lines of intellectual investigation he was far ahead of those of his years and in fact his knowledge upon many subjects equaled that of men whose years four or five times outnumbered his own.

He had no sooner emerged from the kindergarten than he became interested in the subject of geology. One who knew him well, writing the story of his life, said: "The gravel on the streets, the lumps of coal in his father's grate, the chalk with which he ciphered on the black-board, possessed an unusual interest for him. The whys and wherefores of things swayed his young mind. When but eight years of age he began making a collection of minerals and fossils, and with a single book as his incentive, he not only classified his specimens and labeled them scientifically but could talk so intelligently on the subject that he astonished those of riper years whose information on things geological was considerable. In his collection of specimens he was an enthusiast, and not satisfied merely with what the Miami valley afforded, made excursions to other parts of the state, and visited a number of professional geologists and noted collectors. He was also in correspondence with collectors in other states and by exchange of specimens and purchase of others he secured a large and valuable collection. But the feature which gave especial value to his collection was the successful effort of a descriptive catalogue of every specimen in his cabinet, so systematized that at a moment's notice he could lay his hand upon any one and read in it, as it were, a chapter in geological history not so readily obtainable from books. The catalogue bespeaks for him an order of mind especially adapted to scientific investigation."

It was found early in his life that his tastes were in a direction that would cause him to remain much indoors with little outdoor life or exercise, and his parents realized that this would be detrimental to the health of a growing boy. It became a matter of considerable moment, therefore, and of no little solicitude, to provide an expedient wherewith to provoke outdoor activity and thereby lessen the demand upon his mental energy while developing his physical powers. Even his geological researches were carried on more through correspondence than through actual research for specimens. The question, therefore, of the best method of continuing his education was debated at the home fireside and it was at last decided to send him to Cooper Institute, where consideration for his state of health, his disinclination to outdoor exercises and the peculiar bent of his mind would be had and where also a choice of studies would be allowed. For two years he continued in that school, Professor and Mrs. Robert manifesting their sympathy with the boy's unusual bent of mind and leading him gently, without burdening him, in the direction which furnished the strongest and best incentive to intellectual endeavor. It was while he was in that school that his taste for geological research somewhat abated and his interest in literature and history was awakened. He read with increasing interest the works of George Eliot, Walter Scott, Plutarch's Lives and Gibbon's Rome. To such works he devoted all of the time not actually required by his studies, and it was characteristic of him that at all times he had a book stored away in a corner of each room that he might take it up if by any chance he had a few moments' leisure while in that room. When the Cooper Academy was discontinued, after he had remained there for two years, he entered the grammar schools of Dayton and eventually passed on to the high school.

In the meantime other forces were entering into the life and development of the boy. His parents were continually studying out methods to increase his

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outdoor activity and at length his father suggested the raising of fine breeds of poultry. The project was received with favor by the son and soon all arrangements were made for the care of the fowls. He entered upon this, however, not merely as the average person "raises chickens," but took up the subject from the scientific standpoint and regarded it as a chapter in natural history, enabling him to make valuable contributions to agricultural literature. By skill, thought, application and his characteristic thoroughness he soon became a leader and teacher and brought to his task also common sense in the adoption of eminently practical means. He at once subscribed for ten or twelve poultry magazines, from which he learned the names of different breeds and their characteristics and also the names and place of abode of the principal poultry raisers all over the Union. He used every available source to study the history of the domestic fowl, especially those of the finest breed, and his labors resulted in raising a large flock of the rarest and costliest fowls known to the breeders of fine chickens. Poultry raising proved not only a source of amusement and healthful outdoor recreation but also a source of profit as well, and his flock soon became so large that his father's premises were no longer adequate and he formed a partnership with a farmer where more spacious accommodations could be secured. Boy though he was, he wrote various valuable articles for the agricultural press and the Miami Valley Poultry Association, in convention at Middletown, Ohio, elected him its secretary. The writer of his memoir says: "It was not a little amusing to see the astonishment depicted on the faces of those who for the first time were introduced to their secretary and found that his breeches had not grown below his knees." Such, however, was the confidence reposed in him by the association that they entrusted to him the entire management of the Montgomery county poultry exhibit held in Dayton in June, 1888, and for which he prepared an elaborate catalogue, premium lists, also had the supervision of the printing, rented the building and with geometric precision divided it off into compartments for the exhibitors. As he became known in connection with his poultry-raising interests his correspondence became so great that it encroached upon his hours of rest, so that after two years his parents prevailed upon him to resign his secretaryship and go east for a visit.'

Throughout almost his entire life he had spent the summer months in the home of his aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. E. G. Sumner, near Willimantic, Connecticut. There he spent much time out of doors and was interested in everything relating to the locality. Referring to those visits Dr. Sumner wrote: "He always had some prominent subject upon which he seemed intensely interested. In his early boyhood when he visited me he was greatly interested in learning all about fish and fishing (as there is a fine lake abounding in fish near my home) and when I would go about with him his joy amounted sometimes to enthusiasm. * * * I recall one summer when poultry engaged his interest and was his theme and I listened with interest and astonishment when he rehearsed what he knew about poultry. At the age of thirteen he left my house alone, visited prominent poultrymen in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and having visited Providence and Boston and other New England towns and cities, after an absence of about a week, he came back, reported a pleasant trip and related

his interviews with the most prominent poultrymen of New England, which both interested and astonished me."

Photography at one time claimed the attention of Charley Solomon. In early boyhood he had given some manifestation of an artistic taste and had done considerable sketching. On being presented with a photographic outfit by his uncle during one of his summer visits in Willimantic, he brought the same thoroughness and research and investigation to the new interest, took up the study of books on photographic chemistry, on the nature and properties of light, on the laws of spherical and chromatic aberration in lenses, on practical manipulation and minor treatises, and in fact on every phase of the art. He put his knowledge to the test in the use of his camera with the result that his pictures were not only photographically excellent but the composition was equally true, displaying artistic taste in an eminent degree. He was heard to say that the development of a negative had for him a wonderful fascination; he looked upon it as a kind of creation, calling into existence something which had no existence before or at least a latent image which could not be seen by any intensification of lens power. However, he regarded photography merely as an adjunct to art and it led him to resume sketching in which he manifested ability in his early boyhood. His portfolio became rapidly filled with curious designs, drawings, mechanical, architectual and ornamental, and so great was the skill that he manifested that his father employed for him a teacher of architecture, under whose direction he made rapid progress. Mr. Farini, his teacher, said of him: "Charley's perceptive faculties were wonderfully quick and he had a faculty which very few artists have—of finishing what he began. Had he lived, architecture and engineering would have been Charley's life vocation. To learn, to labor and to acquire were the dominant features of his character." He especially excelled in drawing maps, not only in copying, reducing or enlarging, but also in making original drawings from descriptions such as are given by missionaries in foreign lands of their travels, preaching stations, schools, dispensaries and other institutions in which locality forms an important part. In connection with his art studies he became much interested in the various processes of newspaper illustrations and gathered much information on the subject by correspondence with practical engravers, stereotypers and electrotypers. He investigated the subject of photo-engraving and photo-lithographing, and it was a source of interest to him to make a sketch upon a block of wood and then engrave it. Procuring a set of engraver's tools he began work in earnest and soon succeeded in making a presentable cut for a newspaper illustration. Ere long he made the cuts from which to illustrate the articles which he wrote for the poultry journals. In this, as in all other pursuits, his hungry mind reached out for still broader information which he gained from such books as Ruskin's Modern Painters and others of a similar character. His last and perhaps best effort in drawing and designing was an elaborate decorative frieze for the parlor and dining room of his father's residence. His contributions to the press and letters which he wrote to different journals also displayed a use of English that fell little short of marked literary ability and the letters especially were filled with references that indicate that he was familiar with the history as well as the topography of the country and showed, moreover, his artistic appreciation of all of the beauties of nature.

"It is a fact," says the author of his memoir, "that even among those who knew Charley best—his own parents, his relatives, his schoolmates and his school teachers—there is not one of them that can recall a period in the boy's life when in his thoughts, his activities or his aspirations he betrayed the mere boy. In all these he was in advance of his age; the man seems to have crowded his childish body and the body in return proceeded slowly to accommodate the expanding brain—the man. Everything in nature, in art, in science, in social life, in religion that had for its end the cultivating, the ennobling and the refining of human nature found in him an ardent patron. Even in the political arena he was not merely an interested spectator but an enthusiastic participant. To many it would appear incredible that a boy, two presidential terms this side of his first vote, should have caught so accurately and so discriminatingly the issue between the two great political parties, and, moreover, to have the assurance and the courage to discuss these issues with men whose first vote dates back to the Lincoln campaign." However, he took up the study of the tariff and other vital questions before the people and carefully culled from the press the best thoughts of the best writers and best speakers on the issues of the campaign of 1888. He studied the questions from both the republican and democratic standpoint, nor was he unmindful of those side lights thrown upon the problems by the labor party and the prohibition party. His scrapbook was filled with the carefully thought out utterances of the leaders of the various movements which were shaping the political history of the country at that time and he was a fervent believer in the correctness and righteousness of the policy of the republican party. His mind was filled with statistics and facts which would have been an enrichment to the speeches of many a so-called statesman in public addresses during the campaign.

All these various lines were claiming the attention of Charley Solomon during his school days and through the periods of vacation and never for a moment did he neglect the duties that were assigned him in connection with the public school course which he was pursuing after the close of the Cooper Academy. His love of the best writings was manifest in his perusal of the translated works of Schiller, and Goethe, and he also read such technical works as Rosengarden's Hand-Book of Architecture, Combs' Lectures on Moral Philosophy, Whateley's Moral Science and others of the same nature. His advent in the high school was an era of moment for him. It opened a new vista to him for his text-books there were more in harmony with his mental cravings and mental grasp. He pursued with avidity his advanced mathematical studies and was greatly interested in the study of German, in which he displayed marked progress. His mind reaching out to other phases that touched directly or indirectly upon school work, it occurred to him that a useful book to furnish a guide to students seeking to enter college might be compiled from the catalogues of each and by summarizing the distinctive features of each, might help the student make a judicious selection. After maturing his plan he entered upon correspondence with Harper Brothers of New York in relation to the publication of such a work. While far in advance of boys of his own age in his intellectual development, he had nothing of that peculiarity which is the characteristic of the bookworm for his interests were too broad, his nature too deep and his disposition

too lovable to shut him out from human companionship. The appreciation and esteem in which he was uniformly held by his classmates and teachers was attested by the draping of his vacant desk in crape and supplying it with fresh flowers every day until the end of the term. Ere he was laid to rest both his classmates and roommates sent to his parents resolutions beautifully executed on parchment as a token of their appreciation for the good qualities of their friend and companion and of their sympathy for the bereaved father and mother.

In the spring before he passed on to the eternal home Charley Solomon expressed to one of his friends his intention of uniting with the Baptist church before the close of the year. His parents were members of that denomination and he had been reared in an atmosphere of Christian culture. Placing one's membership in a church, however, is but the outward and public expression of an inward belief, and throughout his entire life Charley Solomon had manifested the Christlike spirit in his loyalty to truth and justice, in his consideration for and love of others. He was always a faithful attendant at the Sabbath-school, prepared the lesson for the first day of the week with the same thoroughness with which he qualified for his recitations in the public schools. That religious questions were awakening his deep interest was indicated by the fact that in the library which he collected there were a number of volumes upon Unitarianism. His youthful summer vacations were spent in New England, where that doctrine largely obtains, and gradually the refining and aesthetic culture usually found in Unitarian societies exercised an influence upon him and impressed his mind. For Christianity is not merely a belief but the living of that belief and though but a boy in years, his life measured up to the full standard of high and honorable manhood and righteous purpose in his relations with young and old, rich and poor. "A boy dutiful and obedient to his parents, reverential and loving to his mother, docile and respectful in his relation with teachers, diligent in his studies, a devoted and true friend to his classmates; a student of religion, an earnest and sincere inquirer after truth, and above all, having a sincere desire and aim for a useful and true life, these sum up his moral and religious character."

As the clouds with startling rapidity may overshadow the sun and bring blackness where but a moment before there was vivid light, so came the news of the death of Charley Solomon to Dayton, to his friends and most of all to his parents. On the afternoon of the last day of May when nature seemed at her brightest and best in the springtime freshness and coloring, he was preparing to finish Saturday, his day of recreation, by a swim in the Miami river. From the bath house he ventured into the main channel, but the water was very cold and deep, his body tired and warm, and before he reached the float upon which were other youthful bathers, cramps ensued and speech failed him so that he could not even call to his companions. They saw his plight, however, and attempted to rescue him, one reaching him and starting with him for the float. But Charley's grasp upon his companion relaxed ere they reached the float, and he passed to his death. On the 3d of June, 1890, he was laid to rest, flowers, music and the presence and sympathy of friends doing everything possible to assuage the grief of the parents. With a firm belief in the immortality of the

soul, the father and mother must feel as James Whitcomb Riley has so beautifully expressed it:

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. . . . He is just away!

With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand
He has wandered into an unknown land,

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers there.

And you—O you, who the wildest yearn
For the old-time step and the glad return,—

Think of him faring on, as dear
In the love of There as the love of Here;

Think of him still as the same, I say:
He is not dead—he is just away!

JUDGE JOHN ROEHM.

Judge John Roehm was born in Dayton January 29, 1871, and during his youthful days mastered the branches of learning taught in the public school, his course being continued until 1889, when he was graduated from the Central high school. Believing that he would find the practice of law a congenial pursuit and one which would yield good financial returns for a capable service, he began preparing for the profession as a law student in the office of W. A. Hallanan. On the 3d of March, 1892, he was admitted to the bar and has since continuously engaged in practice in Dayton, his connection with the profession here covering seventeen years. As a result of his ability he has enjoyed a good clientage and has figured in connection with important work in the courts, winning many verdicts favorable to his clients.

Judge Roehm is also well known by reason of his activity in lines of municipal progress and improvement. In 1894 he was elected clerk of the board of education and so served for one year while the board was democratic. In April, 1898, he was elected police judge of Dayton and filled the position for a term of three years. It was during this period that the labor troubles occurred and it was this that caused his defeat when a candidate for a second term. He has always taken an active interest in supporting the democracy and was a delegate to the state convention which nominated John M. Pattison for governor. He has also been a member of Montgomery county central committee and of the city central committee of the democratic party.

On the 13th of June, 1899, in Dayton, Mr. Roehm was married to Miss Amelia S. Heiss. He is a member of the Dayton Gymnastic Club and of the Turngeneinde, and takes a keen interest in athletic sports and has at all times used his influence to further the promotion of compulsory physical education in the public schools. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias. He is popular with his associates in these organizations and withal has a wide circle of warm friends in his native city.

LUCIUS O. MILLER.

Lucius O. Miller of Dayton, general church treasurer of the United Brethren church of the United States, is a native son of Ohio, his birth having occurred in St. Johns, Anglaize county, April 19, 1856. His grandfather, Daniel Miller, was a native of Maryland and in his boyhood days went with his parents to Fairfield county, Ohio, the family being there established during the pioneer epoch in the history of this state. Daniel Miller followed the occupation of farming as a life work. His son, the Rev. Daniel R. Miller, was born on the old home farm in Fairfield county, June 13, 1835, and in 1860 became actively identified with the ministry of the United Brethren church. He has since devoted his time and energies to the work of upbuilding the denomination in all of its varied activities for the promotion of the cause of Christianity, and his influence has been of no restricted order. He is now a resident of Bloomdale, Ohio.

As the father's ministerial labors called him to various points, Lucius O. Miller was reared in different towns where he attended the public schools until 1873, when he entered Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, remaining for three years a student in that institution. He afterward entered the Farmers Bank at Marion, Ohio, in the capacity of bookkeeper, occupying that position for three years, when he became bookkeeper in a wholesale men's furnishing goods house at West Liberty, Ohio. He was for two years employed there and on the 15th of August, 1881, came to Dayton where he entered the United Brethren publishing house as shipping and bill clerk. His enterprise, diligence and capability won him promotion to the position of cashier on the 1st of January, 1882, and served in that capacity until the 1st of July, 1905, when he assumed the duties of the general church treasurer to which he had been elected by the general conference of the United Brethren church for a term of four years. He is a man of good business ability, manifesting keen insight as well as capable control and moreover his industry is unflagging and his resolution unfaltering. In this capacity he has charge of the finances of the home missions, foreign missions, general Sunday-school, general conference expense, the Union Biblical Seminary, ministerial education and church erection.

On the 6th of September, 1877, Mr. Miller was married in Westerville, Ohio, to Miss Lida J. Haywood, a daughter of John and Sylvia (Carpenter) Haywood, the former professor of mathematics in Otterbein University. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born six children: John Daniel Miller; Sylvia Grace, the

wife of Richard Campion; Winton Leroy; Lucius Haywood; Edna Elaine; and Marjory Mae.

In his political views Mr. Miller is a republican, interested in the growth and success of his party because of his belief in its principles, yet without aspiration for political preferment. He has served as a member of the board of education and at all times is interested in intellectual progress. He is a member of the Present Day Club of Dayton and of the United Brethren church, manifesting active support of all the different branches of church work. Alert and energetic, with a thorough preliminary business training, he is well qualified for the complex and onerous duties which devolve upon him in his present connection.

JOEL OHIO SHOUP.

Joel Ohio Shoup is identified with various business enterprises, all of which proving profitable cources of income because of the keen business discernment and unfaltering diligence manifested in their control. He is now a member of the firm of Shoup & Heeter, conducting a leaf tobacco business; of the firm of Shoup & Company, general contractors; and of the Edgemont Building Association, of which he is the president.

He was born July 15, 1859, at Davenport, Iowa, during the temporary residence of his parents there. His education was acquired in the public schools of Dayton. After completing his literary course he began reading law and acted as the first law librarian of the county court, which position he filled for ten years. He then organized the Dayton Paper Novelty Company and continued at its head for two years, after which he sold out and was elected county recorder. He filled that position for two terms or for six years, during which time he most capably discharged the duties of the office, his record winning him high encomiums. He next turned his attention to the hotel business, in which he was engaged with Torrence Huffman, as proprietor of the Beckel Hotel from 1887 until 1900, and in the meantime he had extended his efforts into other fields of labor, being a man of keen discernment and of resourceful business ability. He joined D. M. Heeter in the leaf tobacco business under the firm style of Shoup & Heeter, which association has since been profitably maintained. In 1901 he organized the firm of J. O. Shoup & Company, general contractors in reenforced concrete and street paving. He was one of the organizers and is now the president of the Edgemont Building Association, is a director of the Dayton Ice Manufacturing & Cold Storage Company and a director and one of the organizers of the Home Telephone Company. His interests have long been varied and important and their successful control is unmistakable evidence of his business ability and indefatigable energy.

Mr. Shoup was married in 1886 to Miss Carrie L. Bunstine, a native of Montgomery county and a daughter of Jacob Bunstine, a manufacturer. They now have one child, Dorothy, and they also lost one child, Marian. Mr. Shoup is a member of the original Dayton Club and also one of the members of the Dayton Golf Club. In Masonry he has attained high rank, having taken the degrees

of the Knights Templar Commandery and of the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to Christ Episcopal church, and his is a well rounded character which excludes none of those interests or activities that mark the development of strong and upright manhood.

CALVIN HAGAR LYON.

Dayton is one of the important centers of the iron and steel trade in America, and it is in this field that Calvin Hagar Lyon puts forth his activity, having been closely associated with business interests of this character for more than three decades. He was born near Chaplin, Connecticut, on the 26th of February, 1845, his youthful days being spent on the home farm to the age of twelve years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Newton, Massachusetts, and his education, begun in the district schools, was there continued until he had completed the high-school course. At the age of seventeen, however, he put aside his text-books and in 1862 accompanied the family on their removal westward to Middletown, Ohio. Two years later the family home was established at Indianapolis, Indiana, where Calvin Hagar Lyon remained until April, 1864, and then at the age of nineteen years he responded to his country's call for further military aid, enlisting as a private of Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until mustered out one hundred days later at Camp Morton, Indianapolis. During the period of his military service he was in Stephenson, Alabama, and participated in several skirmishes with General Wheeler's men.

When his term of enlistment had expired Mr. Lyon returned to the north and in 1865 came to Dayton, thus entering upon his business career here at the age of twenty years. He was first employed as a clerk in the grocery store of John F. Edgar, with whom he continued for a year, when he became shipping clerk in the wholesale grocery house of Comer & Brown. When another year had passed he was made book-keeper in that establishment and so continued for ten years, when he resigned his position on account of his health. Joining his brother, E. B. Lyon, he began the manufacture of trunk material and to that business devoted his energies for several years, but recognizing the field for profitable labor in connection with the steel and iron industry, he turned his attention to that line, wherein he has since operated, and has furnished the iron and steel work in most of the large buildings in Dayton and other cities. His interests are important and extensive, bringing him into close association with trade relations of this character, while his capable management, keen business discernment and unwearied industry have established his place in the foremost ranks of the trade.

In 1867 Mr. Lyon was united in marriage in Middletown, Ohio, to Miss Mary Chenoweth, and they now have a son, Howard C., and a daughter, Agnes L., who is the wife of Robert E. Kline. Mr. Lyon votes with the republican party, to which he has given his endorsement since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, but, while local advancement and national progress are ques-

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tions dear to his heart, he has not sought to participate in governmental affairs as an official. He belongs to Old Guard Post, G. A. R., and to the First United Brethren church, in which for twenty-eight years he acted as organist. Throughout his life his love of music has been one of his dominant traits, contributing much to his own happiness and to the pleasure of others. There is in his life, aside from the strong and forceful qualities which have been dominant in his business career, a marked strain of sentiment as manifest in his love of art and his appreciation of the true, the good and the beautiful.

ALBERT M. MUMMA.

Albert M. Mumma is a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Montgomery county, owning and operating a well improved farm of one hundred and sixty-five acres in Madison township, situated one mile east of Trotwood and about six miles northwest of Dayton. The property is known as the David Cripe farm.

Our subject was born on the old Mumma farm, on the Salem pike, in Harrison township, Montgomery county, on the 4th of June, 1872, his parents being Jacob and Susan (Kleppinger) Mumma. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Mumma, who was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, journeyed to this part of the country by wagon, settling on a tract of four hundred acres, which he cleared of the timber. He built a log cabin, in which he made his home for a number of years and experienced all of the hardships and privations of life on the frontier. Later he erected a large brick house, making the bricks himself, and therein resided until the time of his demise, his remains being interred in the Woodland cemetery at Dayton, Ohio. Jacob Mumma, the father of our subject, was born on the farm which the grandfather had secured on his arrival here and after attaining man's estate became one of the pioneer fruit growers of this section, shipping to all parts of the country and meeting with gratifying and well merited success in his undertakings.

In his boyhood days Albert M. Mumma attended the Fairview school in Harrison and later went to Fort McKinley, where he completed his education. Throughout the period of his attendance at school he also assisted his father in the cultivation of the old homestead farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. To this occupation he has given his time and energies throughout his active business career and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as a most progressive, enterprising and substantial citizen. He finds a ready market for his products in Dayton and has two tenants residing on the farm.

On the 6th of December, 1894, Mr. Mumma was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Catharine Miller, of Madison township, the second child of Jacob F. and Anna (Cripe) Miller. Her paternal grandparents, Daniel and Catharine Miller, were of German descent and came to this county from Pennsylvania. Her maternal grandparents were David and Mary (Ullery) Cripe. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mumma have been born five children, namely: Arthur Russell, Clarence Elliott,

Lawson Everett and Naomi Mabel, all of whom are attending school; and Ruth Irene.

Mrs. Mumma belongs to the German Baptist church, in the work of which she takes an active and helpful interest. Mr. Mumma finds his chief source of recreation and pleasure in motoring and is the owner of a fine Buick forty horse-power machine. Both he and his wife are well and favorably known throughout the county in which their entire lives have been passed and have an extensive circle of friends in Dayton.

ALBERT B. SHAUCK.

Albert B. Shauck, prominent in educational circles, is the founder and proprietor of the College & Teachers Preparatory School, which he has conducted since 1891, and the efficient work of this institution is attested by the high standing of the graduates who have entered various colleges and universities in the country. He was born on a farm in Morrow county, Ohio, November 14, 1850, and was reared in the usual manner of farm lads to the age of eighteen years, assisting in the work of the fields through the summer months and attending the district school in the winter seasons. In 1874 he was graduated from Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, and soon after entered upon active connection with educational work, becoming a teacher in the schools of Franklin county, Ohio, in 1876. He there taught until the fall of 1877, when he came to Dayton and accepted the position of principal of the third district school, where he remained to the entire satisfaction of the general public until 1891, when, seeing the need for special preparation for college work on the part of many young men, he gave up his position in connection with the public schools and established a college preparatory school, which he has since successfully conducted. Various branches are here taught necessary to qualify one for college entrance examination and the work is thorough and systematic, Mr. Shauck having secured an able corps of assistants. The patronage which is accorded him indicates that his school is meeting a need in educational development. The graduates from the College & Teachers Preparatory School, which is located at No. 17 East Third street, are admitted to college throughout the United States upon Professor Shauck's certificate of graduation and without examination. Many of the superintendents and teachers of the state owe their success to the professional training received while attending this school.

In 1879 in Dayton was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Shauck and Miss Anna Miller. Unto them have been born two daughters and a son: Alice Louise, the wife of Hubert M. Kline, of this city; Katharine M.; and Robert W. Shauck. The parents occupy an enviable position in social circles where intelligence is regarded as a necessary attribute to agreeableness.

In his political views Mr. Shauck is a stalwart republican and a valued member of the Garfield Club. He belongs to the First United Brethren church and his influence and labors are an active force for moral, intellectual and social progress in this city. He is dean of the faculty of the Association Institute, which is

the night college of the Young Men's Christian Association of Dayton and which, during the school year of 1908-9 had forty-eight teachers and an enrollment of between seven and eight hundred scholars. There are more than one hundred colleges throughout the United States which will accept credits for work completed in this institute. Professor Shauck created the department of English and formulated the course of study in that branch, having complete charge of the department since it was founded. The course that he has laid out has been closely followed by other schools doing similar work throughout the country, thus indicating that the institute has been taken as a standard in this as in many other respects.

For sixteen years Professor Shauck served on the board of city examiners and in this connection labored for high standards that the work of the schools might be promoted in breadth and efficiency. He is also a trustee of Otterbein University and of the Bonebrake Theological Seminary of Dayton. A lover of music, his deep interest therein is manifested in the fact that he is now serving as president of the Philharmonic Society of Dayton, which was organized in 1874 and is one of the best and most proficient musical organizations in the United States. It is also next to the oldest in this country. The nature of his interests at once indicates that association with Professor Shauck means expansion and elevation.

EDWARD J. BUNDENTHAL.

Edward J. Bundenthal, of the firm of Heller & Bundenthal, general insurance agents of Dayton, was born in this city, July 9, 1869. He has resided here throughout his entire life and has been more or less actively connected with public interests. His education was acquired in the public and parochial schools but he put aside his text-books at an early age and began earning his living by selling papers. He afterward worked in printing offices and partly learned the trade during four years spent in that way. At the end of that time, he secured a situation in a grocery store, where he continued for four years when, thinking to find more congenial and profitable employment he began selling insurance and in 1898 formed a partnership with Charles H. Heller in general insurance lines This connection has now been maintained for eleven years and the firm has met with excellent success, controlling a considerable volume of business. They represent some of the best known of the old-line insurance companies and both gentlemen are thoroughly familiar with the insurance business in all of its varied departments and branches. Aside from his interest in the firm Mr. Bundenthal is a director in the Permanent Building & Savings Association.

Somewhat active in public affairs, he is a member of the board of deputy state supervisors of elections and served on the city board of election in 1903. He is quite active in municipal affairs, cooperating in many movements which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. Everything relative to the welfare and upbuilding of the city awakens his interest and if his judgment sanctions a movement he gives to it his earnest endorsement and cooperation. His political

allegiance has always been given to the democracy since age conferred upon him the right of franchise.

On the 30th of June, 1891, Mr. Bundenthal was united in marriage, in Dayton, to Miss Rosa A. Selz, a daughter of Charles Selz of this city. They have many friends here and their attractive home is a most hospitable one. Fraternally, Mr. Bundenthal is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while his religious faith is that of the Lutheran church. He has never sought to establish himself elsewhere than in his native city where his life history is an open book that all may read. Starting out at an early age, he has worked steadily upward in his business undertakings, reaching a place of affluence by reason of his unremitting diligence and determined purpose.

CHARLES H. LUKASWITZ.

Charles H. Lukaswitz, known in the commercial interests of Dayton as president of The Baker Company, wholesale liquor dealers, was born in this city June 30, 1873, and was here reared and educated. He was provided with liberal advantages for intellectual progress and is a graduate of St. Mary's Institute of the class of 1891 and also from Miami Commercial College of Dayton of the class of 1893. On completing the latter course he became an employe of The Baker Company and that he was trustworthy, diligent and efficient is indicated by the fact that through successive promotions from time to time he has reached his present position at the head of the enterprise, having been elected to the presidency in 1895. He is therefore giving his energies at the present time to the administration of the affairs of the company and in the control and expansion of the trade he displays strong business qualities and forceful enterprise.

On the 10th of July, 1903, in Dayton, Mr. Lukaswitz was married to Miss Ida S. Sherer, a daughter of M. J. Sherer, an architect. He is connected with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and has attained substantial success in business through close application and intelligently directed effort that have brought him from a comparatively humble position to a place in which he controls extensive trade interests.

LEE WARREN JAMES.

Lee Warren James, a member of the well known law firm of Rowe, Shuey, Mathews & James, of Dayton, does not need introduction to the readers of this volume, for the firm occupies a foremost place in the ranks of the legal fraternity, enjoying the most extensive and important clientage. Mr. James was born in Montgomery county, September 12, 1877, upon the home farm where his parents continued to reside until 1881. In that year they removed to Dayton, so that he was largely reared in this city. At the usual age he was sent as a pupil to the public schools and, mastering the different branches that constituted the curricu-

lum, he completed the course by graduation from the Steele high school with the class of 1896. Already he had determind upon the practice of law as a life work, and to this end began studying in the office and under the direction of O. M. Gottschall. His preliminary reading was thorough and enabled him to successfully pass the required examination for admission to the bar in June, 1900. In January of that year he had entered the law office of Rowe & Shuey, the partners being the first mentioned members of the present law firm. Mr. James continued in the office as assistant in their law practice until April 1, 1907, when his ability and merit led to his admission to the firm under the style of Rowe, Shuey, Mathews & James. Their law business is of the most important character, covering various departments of practice in which the different members of the firm are well versed. Mr. James is proving himself worthy of the position which was accorded him on his admission to the bar and, diligent and careful in the preparation of cases, he is continually promoting his efficiency through experience and further study.

On the 30th of April, 1901, Mr. James was married in Dayton to Miss N. Edith Tyrrell, and they have two sons, Tom Warren and Robert Lee. He gives his political support to the democratic party and is active in politics, but without desire for office as a reward for party fealty.

JAMES HAYS, M. D.

With ability that is the outcome of a wise use of his time and talents and of a thorough mastery of scientific principles in the line of his profession, Dr. James Hays now occupies a distinguished position as representative of the medical fraternity of Dayton. He was born on a farm in Brown county, Ohio, in 1838, and was there reared to the age of seventeen years, alternating his time between the work of the fields and the duties of the school-room as he pursued his studies in the district school. Determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work he afterward entered the Eclectic Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated in 1860. He then located for practice in Russellville, Ohio, where he remained for six years and for five years he was a member of the medical fraternity at Casstown, Ohio, but seeking a broader field of labor he came to Dayton in 1871 and has since practiced continuously in this city. His ability has brought him into prominent professional relations and his close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics has won him the high esteem of his brethren of the medical fraternity.

Dr. Hays was married first in Russellville, Ohio, in 1861, to Miss Sarah Wilkins, who died in Dayton in 1885. In 1887 he was again married, his second union being with Jennie M. Beale. Dr. Hays had two children by his first marriage, of whom one daughter died in infancy. The son, Doremus A. Hays, survives, and is now located in Evanston, Illinois. He was born in 1864 and was graduated from the Central high-school of Dayton, while later he pursued a preparatory course in Roberts school of this city. His more specifically literary training was obtained in Ohio Wesleyan College of Delaware, Ohio, from which

he was graduated in 1889. He is now professor of theology at Garrett Theological Seminary at Evanston, Illinois. After leaving the Ohio Wesleyan College at Delaware he entered the theological department of the Boston University, from which he was graduated on the completion of the regular course and he also spent a year in Leipsic. He was married in 1889 at Upper Sandusky, Ohio, to Miss Hester Juvenal, and they have one son, James J., who is now (1909) a student in Harvard University.

Dr. Hays is a man whom to know is to respect and esteem. His life has been guided by high principles and actuated by worthy motives. Strictly temperate at all times and a believer in the cause of temperance, he gives his political allegiance to the prohibition party. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Raper Methodist Episcopal church of Dayton and he is now serving on the official board. In professional connections he is a member of the National Eclectic Medical Society, the State Eclectic Medical Society, and at the present writing, in 1909, is the president of Montgomery County Eclectic Society. He has held to high ideals in all private, public and professional relations and well merits the unqualified honor and respect which are given him.

THOMAS M. PEXTON.

Thomas M. Pexton, vice president of the West Side Building & Loan Company, of Dayton, in which connection his labors are an effective force in the improvement and upbuilding of the city, was born in Westmoreland, in central New York, July 6, 1846, and in the paternal line is of English descent. His great-grandfather was a gentleman farmer of England and a man of considerable wealth. His grandfather, John Pexton, was born in that country in the eighteenth century and came to America early in the nineteenth century, settling in Westmoreland, New York, where he spent his remaining days. Thomas Pexton, the father of our subject, was likewise a native of England and accompanied his parents on their emigration to the new world, the family home being established in Westmoreland, Oneida county, New York. There he was reared and spent his remaining days. In early life he learned the butcher's trade, which he followed for a long period. He married Miss Ann Wishart, a native of England, and they became the parents of five sons and three daughters.

Thomas M. Pexton, whose name introduces this review, remained in the place of his nativity until twenty-five years of age, when, thinking, that he might have better business opportunities at a point further west, he removed to Crestline, Ohio, and afterward spent a few months in Marietta, this state. The year 1872 witnessed his arrival in Dayton and he entered the Dayton Malleable Iron Company as a molder. He was thus employed for about twelve or thirteen years, rising to the position of foreman, in which capacity he served for about eight years. On the expiration of that period he entered the services of the Ohio Rake Company as foreman of the foundry and also became one of the stockholders of the company. For nineteen years he was closely associated with that enterprise as foreman of the foundry and his capable control of the work

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done in the shops was an important factor in the success of the business. In 1903 he left that position upon his election to the board of public service, for which office he was chosen as the republican candidate. That he served capably during his first term is indicated by the fact that he was re-elected for a second term. Since his retirement from the office he has devoted his attention to various interests and is now vice president of the West Side Building & Loan Company.

Mr. Pexton was married in Iowa Falls, Iowa, to Miss Elizabeth Haydock, and they are well known socially in Dayton, where they have many warm friends. Mr. Pexton belongs to the Fourth Presbyterian church, of which he is a director. He is also identified with the Knights of Pythias. His life has been one of intense activity since he started out on his own account and through the passing years he has eagerly availed himself of every opportunity for working his way upward, recognizing the fact that success lies in the individual and not in his environment.

JAMES B. SHANNON.

James B. Shannon is conducting a general mercantile establishment in West Carrollton, this being the largest general store in Montgomery county. Since becoming connected with the enterprise Mr. Shannon has continually extended its scope, conducting his affairs along modern business lines and accomplishing substantial results. One of Pennsylvania's native sons, he was born in Lewiston, Mifflin county, April 19, 1852, his parents being John and Angeline (Major) Shannon. The paternal grandparents were John and Elizabeth Shannon, the latter more commonly known as Betsy. John and Angeline Shannon were both natives of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and the father was a liveryman, who became one of the prominent citizens of Lewiston, Pennsylvania. He had three children: Isaac, who was born of his first marriage; and James and Mary, who were children of the second marriage. Mrs. Angeline Shannon was also married twice and by her second husband, Robert Burns, had a family of three children: Robert W., Martha and Nannie J.

James B. Shannon acquired his education in the schools of his native town and while still a resident of Pennsylvania carried on general farming. He became one of the land owners of that state and remained there until the 1st of June, 1889, when his possessions were all swept away through the ever memorable flood of that date. He was, therefore, compelled to make a new start in the world and with his family he traveled westward to Montgomery county, Ohio, where he again resumed the occupation of farming and within a few years he had gained a comfortable competence and after moving to Ohio he became identified with mercantile pursuits. The store of which he is now proprietor was organized in March, 1894, under the name of the Friend Mercantile Company, of which Mr. Shannon became general manager. In 1902 he purchased the store and has since been sole owner. He carries a large and well selected line of goods and does everything in his power to place these before the public in an attractive line. His tasteful arrangement of his store, his reasonable prices

and his fair dealing have brought to him a constantly increasing patronage and his business is now very gratifying and desirable.

On the 22d of September, 1876, Mr. Shannon was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Smoker, a daughter of Felix and Margaret (Kiefer) Smoker. They had one child, Robert W., who died in infancy. Mr. Shannon socially is connected with the Odd Fellows, belonging to West Carrollton Lodge. Although a democrat in politics, he often votes independent of party ties, supporting the men whom he believes best qualified for office. He has acceptably served as school director for ten years and filled the office of treasurer of West Carrollton the same length of time. His energies, however, are largely concentrated upon his business affairs and in connection with general merchandising he is now associated with the La Sieba Cigar Company and the West Carrollton Real Estate Association. He is likewise the president of the Home Savings & Building Association and he has the Bell Telephone Exchange in the store. He is a man of resolute spirit who carries forward to successful completion whatever he undertakes. He allows no obstacles to bar his path if they can be overcome by persistent and earnest effort and his straightforward business methods have gained his a firm hold upon the trust and regard of his fellow citizens.

JACOB D. MOSKOWITZ.

Among the men of foreign birth who have become important factors in the business life an development of Dayton is numbered Jacob D. Moskowitz, a man of strength of character and well defined purpose who has sought his success in the legitimate lines of trade and has won prosperity through the careful and wise use of his opportunities. He is today president of the North Dayton Store Company, an important position to which he has attained, not by reason of any fortunate combination of circumstances or because his environment has been peculiarly favorable, but because he has realized that indefatigable labor is the basis of all desirable prosperity. A native of Hungary, he was born on the 12th of March, 1867, and came to America, July 1, 1884, at the age of seventeen years, locating in Maine. Subsequently he removed to Pennsylvania but afterward returned to the Pine Tree state and then went to different places, being located at various points until 1899, when he came to Dayton. Here he has remained continuously since and his worth is widely acknowledged as a factor in the business life of the city. He first entered the employ of the Dayton Malleable Iron Company, with which he remained for about seven years in charge of foreign labor. He was then with the Barney & Smith Car Company in the same capacity and still acts in that position to the company. In the meantime he has extended his efforts to other lines, his business ability and initiative spirit being manifest thereby. He founded the North Dayton Colony in 1896 and is still at its head, while in 1907 on the organization of the North Dayton Store Company he was made its president. His business ability is pronounced and has led him into important relations. He allows no obstacles to brook his path that can be

overcome by determined energy and as the years have gone by he has achieved success that is most creditable.

In 1891 Mr. Moskowitz was married, at Deshler, Ohio, to Miss Sallie Baer, and they have four children, Jeanette, Leah, Josephine, Virginia Emma and Simon Benjamin. Mr. Moskowitz belongs to the Jewish temple. He votes with the republican party, but has no aspiration for office. His business interests have fully claimed his time and attention since he came to American as a young man at the age of seventeen years. He had no friends to assist him nor did he depend upon any outside aid or influence but persistently and energetically sought his success, knowing that in time earnest and well directed effort can accomplish any task. His record should serve to inspire and encourage other young men of foreign birth who seek the opportunities of the new world. He has won his advancement in honorable lines and is now well known in the business circles of the city.

IRA CRAWFORD.

Ira Crawford, attorney at law of Dayton, his native city, was born January 28, 1867. He was a grandson of Archibald Crawford and son of Zeba and Anna M. (Seely) Crawford, of Dayton. The father was born in this city in 1833 and was prominently known in business circles, serving for a decade as cashier of the Fourth National Bank, which position he occupied until two years prior to his death, which occurred in 1900. His widow survived him until December, 1907. The family of this worthy couple numbered eight children, but six died in infancy, the surviving members being Ira and Eva Crawford.

Reared in the paternal home, Ira Crawford mastered the branches that constituted the public-school curriculum in Dayton, and then entered Denison University, at Granville, Ohio, from which he was graduated as an alumnus of 1888. He then returned to Dayton and in 1891 entered the Ohio State University, at Columbus, for the study of law, being graduated from the law department with the class of 1893. Immediately afterward he returned to his native city and the same year became a member of the law firm of Gottschall, Brown & Crawford, which relation was maintained until 1896, when Mr. Brown went upon the bench. The firm then continued as Gottschall & Crawford until 1898, when L. F. Lenhert and W. S. McConnaughey entered the firm. This association was dissolved December 31, 1902, since which time Mr. Crawford has practiced alone and his ability is attested in the extensive clientage accorded him. His power as a lawyer lies not so much in brilliant flights of oratory as in his keen logic and clear utterances, together with an accurate and correct application of legal principles. He never neglects to give a thorough preparation, and he enjoys the respect of his professional brethren as well as the general public by reason of his close conformity to professional ethics.

In 1894 Mr. Crawford was married, in Dayton, to Miss Erminie P. Gilbert, a daughter of Philip E. Gilbert, and they have one son, Ira, born in 1904. Mr. Crawford belongs to the Beta Theta Phi and to the Linden Avenue Baptist

church. He endorses republican principles at the polls but is not an active worker in party ranks. His influence, however, is always found on the side of municipal progress and of those movements which tend to uplift the individual as well as advance the interests of the community.

GEORGE V. NAUERTH.

George V. Nauerth, of Harrison township, Montgomery county, Ohio, who has his home on Catalpa drive, is one of Dayton's prominent attorneys and was at one time in partnership with Thomas O. Lowe. Though his name is not as widely known as that of the Globe-Wernicke Company which he organized, the results of the patents he held in connection with this firm have found a reception throughout the whole country. He is a man, also, with an enviable breadth of culture, even for one of his profession, and the law is generally held to be the resort of men with minds keen for the attainment of the niceties of thought which only an education of breadth and depth can impart.

George V. Nauerth is the son of John and Louisia Nauerth. The father came from Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, to Cincinnati in 1831. In that city he received his education, learned the baker's trade and started in the bakery business, but later he came to Dayton, where he pursued his trade for a time and then opened up a wholesale grocery house in a building opposite the city hall. In this building he conducted his operations until his death in 1881. His father, Peter Nauerth, came to this country after his son had been here some time. He was a retired farmer and passed the remaining days of his life with his son.

George V. Nauerth was born in Dayton, January 29, 1844, the second son in a family of eight children. His older brother, John Nauerth, lives in Dayton. His sister, Louise E., is the wife of George W. Stieg, now living in Kansas City. Georgiana married Frederick Lang. Caroline is the wife of David B. Martin, general passenger manager of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, living in Baltimore.

Mr. Nauerth received his early education in the schools of Dayton, and then went to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. His sojourn here was one of honor; he was one of the youngest students when he entered, being only fifteen years old, and he was graduated with second honors in his class. In 1862 he entered the University of Heidelberg, where he took a course in Roman law, and the next year, that of 1863-64, he attended the University of Paris, studying Roman law and the code of Napoleon. From there he went to the Cincinnati Law School, where he was graduated and admitted to the bar. In 1865 he returned to the city of his birth, where he took up the practice of his profession, and four years subsequently was elected prosecuting attorney for Montgomery county, in which capacity he served two years. In 1881 he gave up the practice of law and went to Cincinnati, where he established the Globe-Wernicke Company, being the founder of the firm and president for five years and the holder of the patents. Ten years later, in 1891, he went to Chicago, devoting his talents and qualifications to the intricacies of patent law. After six years, however, he re-

turned to Dayton and has again built up a large and remunerative practice. His keen mind, business acumen and wide experience have brought Mr. Nauerth lavish returns from a profession that is often spoken of as being overcrowded and won for him room on the upper rounds of the ladder of sucecss.

In 1879 Mr. Nauerth was united in marriage to Miss Emma Seifert, daughter of Charles and Sophia (Summer) Seifert. Charles Seifert was born in Alderburg, Saxony, and was educated in Germany. He came to this country in his thirty-fifth year and established his business, that of a leather merchant, first in Frederick City, Maryland, and later in Springfield, Ohio, where he became a prominent citizen. It was in this latter city that he died. Of his ten children Mrs. Nauerth was the third, Alfred and Frank Seifert being her elder brothers. Mr. and Mrs. Nauerth attend and support the Methodist church of Dayton.

JAMES M. COX.

Selling newspapers and assisting in shaping national legislation constitute the two extremes in the life of the Hon. James M. Cox, now representing Dayton in congress. He is also widely known in the field of journalism as the publisher and proprietor of the Dayton News and the Springfield News. He was born in Jacksonburg, Butler county, Ohio, on the 31st of March, 1870, a son of Gilbert and Eliza Cox. In the paternal line he comes of English ancestry, while through the maternal line he inherits the sturdy traits of the German race. On both sides he comes of a family noted for longevity as the average age of his four grandparents was approximately ninety years.

His youth was passed on the home farm, his time being divided between the work of the schoolroom, the pleasures of the playground and such tasks as were assigned him by parental authority. He pursued his early education in the district school at Jacksonburg, Ohio, and later his love of literature became the dominant force in his life and he entered the high school at Amanda, Butler county, Ohio. Moreover, he has been an apt student in the more difficult school of experience, early learning to correctly judge his own capacities and those of the people and circumstances that make up life's contacts and experiences. The joy that is experienced in earning one's first dollar came to him in selling newspapers and his inquiring turn of mind convinced him that he would find the making of the paper an interesting process. Accordingly he secured a situation in a printing office and began learning the trade, which he later abandoned, however, to take up the work of teaching in the country schools. Subsequently he returned to the newspaper field, becoming a reporter at Middletown, Ohio, and his talents soon won him a position on the editorial staff of the Cincinnati Enquirer. Alert and enterprising, with a mind receptive and retentive, manifesting moreover that priceless quality of knowing when to speak and when to keep silent, the value of his services were recognized and in 1894 he accompanied the Hon. Paul J. Sorg to the fifty-third congress to act as his secretary. With the keen interest that he has always manifested in every vital question he began a mental investigation of the issues before the national legislative body

and the political situation of the country and all his impressions and the knowledge that he gained added to that reservior from which he constantly draws to meet the demands of the newspaper publisher and the man of affairs.

Following his return from Washington on the 15th of August, 1898, Mr. Cox became the owner and publisher of the Dayton News, which he has made one of the foremost journals of the Buckeye state. In 1903 he acquired the Press Republic of Springfield, Ohio, and changed its name to the Daily News, conducting both the Dayton and Springfield papers under what is now known as the News League of Ohio. He manifests keen discrimination in his management of affairs and his selection of an able corps of assistants and such methods which he deems of value in the development of the business and in the selection of questions for presentation through the columns of his journal, questions relative to the needs of the city and the individual or bearing upon the trend of national thought and progress.

A man in Mr. Cox's position could not be other than deeply interested in politics and yet the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him nor has he ever consented to become a candidate until he accepted the nomination and was elected representative from the third Ohio district to the sixty-first congress on the democratic ticket. His election coming in a republican state stands in incontrovertible proof of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him as a man and citizen, his plurality having been more than thirteen thousand over his nearest opponent.

On the 23d of May, 1893, Mr. Cox was married to Miss Mayme L. Harding at Cincinnati, and they have three children, Helen, James and John. Forceful and resourceful, the record of Mr. Cox is a story of a man's life that seems to have been an orderly progression under the steady hand of one who is a consistent master of himself and whose organism is harmonious and always well balanced.

THEODORE C. LINDSEY, JR.

Theodore C. Lindsey, Jr., an attorney at law of Dayton, his native city, was born April 16, 1878, and is a son of Theodore C. Lindsey, Sr., a well known jeweler, prominent in mercantile circles of this city. The son was reared and educated here, entering the public schools at the usual age and passing through the consecutive grades to his graduation from the Steele high school with the class of 1897. In that year he entered the law office of Gunckel, Rowe & Shuey, with whom he continued for a year, and then in further preparation for the bar became a law student in the University of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1901. Among his professors were President William Howard Taft, the Hon. Judson Harmon, and other noted professors of the day. He had been admitted to the bar in 1900 and following his graduation in 1901 he opened an office in Dayton in July of that year and practiced alone for two years. On the expiration of that period he entered into partnership with Sol Flatau in September, 1903, the relation being maintained until February, 1908, at which time it was mutually and agreeably dissolved. Since then Mr. Lindsey has been alone

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in practice. He is now well established in his profession with a large clientage that connects him with much of the important work of the courts, and he is making a specialty of commercial and probate law and is identified with several large corporations.

In June, 1900, Mr. Lindsey was married in Louisville, Kentucky, to Miss Jean Curry, and they now have one son, Robert Fulton Lindsey. Mr. Lindsey holds membership with the Sons of Veterans and has served as judge advocate of Ohio for that organization. He is also a member of the Masonic order. He belongs to the First Reformed church and takes an active interest in the various lines of church work. He is also a stalwart supporter of the republican party and his efforts in its behalf have been far-reaching and beneficial, but he has not sought political office. He has been a close student of the problem of citizenship as advanced and retarded through the exercise of franchise and is ever able to support his position by intelligent argument.

HENRY CALLAHAN.

Henry Callahan, conducting a profitable business as a dealer in stoves in Dayton, has been a resident of this city for more than half a century and throughout almost the entire period has been known as an enterprising and progressive merchant and reliable business man. His name indicates his Irish lineage. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, August 7, 1835, and was brought to America by his mother in 1840, his father, Alexander Callahan, having preceded them in 1836. The father was at that time proprietor of a hotel at Ridgeville, Ohio, and the mother and son joined the husband and father at that place. His death occurred there a few years later and in 1850 Henry Callahan, with his mother, sister and brother went to Yellow Springs, Ohio, where they lived for three years and in 1853 removed to Dayton. Mr. Callahan of this review was at that time about eighteen years of age. He had pursued his education in the schools of Ridgeville and of Yellow Springs and after locating in this city he entered the tin and stove store of Henry Yost, under whose direction he learned the tinner's trade. Later he and John Reese formed a partnership in the same line of business, the connection continuing for thirty years, or until 1888, since which time Mr. Callahan has been alone. His success is undoubtedly due in part to the fact that he has always continued in the line of business in which he embarked as a young tradesman and in which he gained comprehensive knowledge concerning the business in principle and detail. As the years have gone by he has carefully watched all indications pointing to success, has closely studied the market and the demands of the purchasing public and year by year has added to his prosperity.

The only interruption to his continuous business activity came in April, 1861, when in response to the country's first call for troops he enlisted for three months' service as a private of Company A, Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In 1864 he reenlisted as a member of Company A, One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served for nearly four months at Baltimore, being sta-

tioned at Fort Federal Hill and at Fort Marshall. This service entitles him to wear the Grand Army button and he is now a member of Old Guard Post, No. 23, G. A. R.

In 1871 Mr. Callahan was united in marriage in Dayton, to Miss Lovie Cline, and they have had three children, of whom one died in infancy while two are still living—Alexander H., and Callie Cline, the wife of William M. Burkhardt. The family attend the United Brethren church and Mr. Callahan gives his political allegiance to the republican party. For fifty years a merchant of this city, he has throughout this entire period sustained an unassailable reputation for business integrity and progressiveness, seeking his success along the legitimate lines of trade without the adoption of a single esoteric feature. Although he has now passed the psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten he yet remains a factor in commercial circles, honored and respected by all who know him.

FRANK KUNTZ.

Frank Kuntz, a gardener of Mad River township and the owner of eleven acres of fine land just west of the Troy pike and about two and a half miles north of the Dayton courthouse, was born on the old home place, which is known in this locality as the Joseph Kuntz farm, on the 16th of June, 1868. He is the son of Joseph and Magdalena (Wolf) Kuntz. The father, who was born in 1833, and his parents were the first of the Kuntz family to come to this country, from Germany, which had been their home for generations. They came direct to Montgomery county, where they were among the early settlers and the pioneers of Dayton. The city had been founded but a short time, for the family had to clear their own land before they could even think of entering upon a cultivation of the soil. In the course of time Joseph Kuntz became a naturalized citizen of this country and started in general farming. After a few years' experience, however, he realized that his land was better adapted to truck gardening, and so turned his efforts entirely to developing one of the most modern and productive of truck farms around Dayton. Joseph Kuntz built a small house of two rooms, but his son has been able to put up one of the best and most modern houses in this part of the county. Ten children, all living in this county, were born to Joseph Kuntz and wife: John, Joe, Margaret, Catherine, George, William, Frank, Magdalena, Mary and Clara. Joseph Kuntz received all his training for life before coming to this country. That it was good training any one who knows him and the noble industry with which his days are filled cannot deny, for Mr. Kuntz is a citizen highly respected among those who have come in contact with him.

Frank Kuntz received his early education in the schools of the township. This he supplemented by attendance at the public institutions of instruction in the city. During his whole school period, however, he also worked with his father on the farm, acquiring in this way, without loss of time, a practical knowledge of that phase of life which has been his vocation. His industry

brought him material returns and he was soon able to add to and beautify the old red house. He has also recently built a hothouse, which when completed will be one of the largest in the township.

On the 11th of November, 1891, Frank Kuntz was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Zimmerman, daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth (Mearkley) Zimmerman. Five children have blessed this couple: Laurence Joseph, who is in school; Walter Frank William, Helen, Marie and Romeo. The family are consistent members of the church of the Holy Rosary and by their lives evince the wisdom of its teaching.

Mr. Kuntz takes an active interest in several fraternal organizations; he belongs to the Elks Lodge, No. 58, of Dayton; to the Knights of St. John of that city, of which he was at one time inspector; and he is also a prominent member of St. Michael's Society. Despite the many other demands upon his time he is able to devote many hours to the service of the people, who have shown their appreciation of his interest by electing him township trustee, a position he has filled for eight years, six of which were in the capacity of president of the board. During the years of his incumbency his duties have been fulfilled with ability and honor, so that the people feel that their confidence has not been misplaced.

IRLEY E. JONES.

Irley E. Jones, manager of sales for the Brownell Company, president of the Dayton Iron Stove Company and secretary and treasurer of the Globe Electric Company, is thus prominently connected with the business interests of Dayton. He was born in this city, February 15, 1868, and comes of a family of Welsh origin. His ancestors, however, have lived in America since colonial days, the great-grandfather being Jonathan Jones, a native of Pennsylvania, who was a colonel in the Revolutionary war. The grandfather, Levi B. Jones, was born near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1807, and in 1832 came to Dayton, where he spent his remaining days, his death occurring in this city n 1898. His son, John D. Jones, was born in Dayton in 1842 and for many years was connected with mercantile interests in this city and also owned and operated a stone quarry in Montgomery county. In 1864 he joined the Union army for one hundred days service. He married Evaline S. Bidleman, and unto them were born four children: Irley E., of this review; Evaline B., the wife of Eugene Morrison; Anna Laura, the wife of Edwin A. Robison; and Charles D. The husband and father passed away in 1885, leaving the two sons, Irley E. and Charles D. Jones, to perpetuate the family in this city, where its representatives have been prominently known for more than three quarters of a century. Charles D. is general manager of the East Broad Top Railroad coal mines, which are the largest in central Pennsylvania in successful operation.

At the usual age Irley E. Jones entered the public schools, therein continuing his studies through successive grades until he had reached the age of sixteen years, when he made his initial step in the business world as an employe in the dry-goods store of Elder, Hunter & Johnston. He spent two years as a clerk in

that establishment and was afterward for two years with Deweese & Bidleman, also dry-goods merchants of this city. On the expiration of that period he accepted the position of city buyer with the National Cash Register Company, with which he continued for eight years, when he resigned. In the meantime he had been promoted and was assistant purchasing agent. As salesman he became connected with the Ohio Fence Company at Piqua, Ohio, and was with that company for two years.

In 1898 he returned to Dayton as purchasing agent for Brownell & Company, now the Brownell Company, and in 1896 was advanced to his present position as sales manager. This is one of the most extensive and important business concerns of the city and in his position as sales manager Mr. Jones is controlling large interests. He has also extended his activities into other fields and is now president of the Dayton Iron Stove Company, dealers in heavy hardware, and secretary and treasurer of the Globe Electric Company. He has brought to every position which he has filled the qualities of unfaltering energy, laudable ambition and a determination to thoroughly acquaint himself with his duties and to discharge them with ability. All his affairs have been carefully systematized until the maximum results are reached with minimum expense, time and labor. This is the real secret of success in any business—a fact which Mr. Jones has thoroughly realized and toward which end he has constantly worked. Investigation into his career shows that his actions have ever been based upon the rules which govern unfaltering industry and unswerving integrity. Moreover, he has the power to bring various factors in business life into harmonious relations and to coordinate forces and develop enterprises of great magnitude.

Mr. Jones was married in Piqua, Ohio, in 1893, to Miss Claire J. Kitchen, and they have two children: Katharine Evelyn and Anna Cornelia.

Mr. Jones is a Royal Arch Mason and belongs to the Dayton City Club. He is also a member of Christ Episcopal church and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party but is without ambition or desire for office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, carefully directed, have brought him to a prominent position in commercial circles. His record is one which reflects credit upon the city of his nativity.

LEVI HOLLER.

Levi Holler, a prominent and successful agriculturist residing on section 11, Jefferson township, was born in that township on the 4th of March, 1844, his parents being George and Lydia (Hoffman) Holler. The paternal grandparents, Frederick and Esther Holler, were natives of Germany and, emigrating to the United States, became residents of Ohio.

Levi Holler was reared under the parental roof and lessons concerning the value of industry and perseverance were early impressed upon his mind. During the early years of his business career he operated a sawmill and thresher, owning the first traction engine in Jefferson township. For a long time the threshing was done by horse power but subsequently he purchased a steam out-

fit and as the years went by won a commendable and gratifying measure of prosperty in his undertakings along this line. At the present time, however, he gives his undivided attention to the work of general farming, his labors in this direction also being attended with well merited success. Rich harvests annually pay tribute to his enterprise and diligence and he is numbered among the representative agriculturists of his native county.

On the 17th of November, 1868, Mr. Holler was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Jane Eby, whose birth occurred on the 23d of September, 1847, her parents being Daniel and Anna (Miller) Eby. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Holler have been born the following children: George Vernon, born in 1870; Vietta Pearl, in 1872; Charles, in 1874; Perry, in 1876; Grace Olive, in 1881; and Bertha, who was born in 1884.

The family are devoted members of the German Baptist church and for many years Mr. Holler has been a deacon in the church. He has made his home in this community from his birth to the present time and his life of uprightness and honorable business activity has won for him the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact.

GUSTAV E. DECKER.

Among the successful representatives of the insurance business in Dayton is Gustav E. Decker, who was here born on the 13th of April, 1868. He has sought his success not in strange fields but in the community where he has always lived, trusting to enterprise, energy and persistency of purpose to win him that success which is the legitimate goal of all business endeavor. He was born April 13, 1868, and at the usual age entered the public schools, where he mastered various branches of learning. He was also for some time a student in St. Mary's Institute, from which he was graduated in 1889. He then entered the office of the treasurer of Montgomery county and was there employed for three years as bookkeeper. This was his initial step in business and he not only performed his daily tasks but also learned therefrom many valuable lessons which have been of immense benefit to him in later life. Subsequently he entered the postoffice as registry clerk, later was appointed assistant postmaster and so continued until the expiration of J. C. Ely's term as postmaster. He then went with Mr. Ely, who was elected city treasurer of Dayton, acting as his assistant until 1905, when he resigned his position to give his attention to general insurance. His clear insight into business situations, his accurate judgment concerning people and events that go to make up life's contacts and experiences, combined with a commendable desire to win advancement have been salient features in the continued progress that has marked his course since he entered this field of endeavor.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Decker was married April 13, 1898, to Miss Elizabeth A. Shantz, a daughter of the late Adam Shantz, and unto this marriage there were born five children, Jacob A., Frances M., Myrtle K., Ruth C. and Thelma S. Mr. Decker is a valued and worthy member of the Masonic

fraternity and has pleasant relations with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Knights of Pythias, belonging to lodges of both organizations. His political support is given the democracy and he desires the success of the party, yet does not seek office although in former years he held some positions by appointment. His religious belief is indicated in his membership in the German Lutheran church. Having spent his entire life in Dayton he is thoroughly familiar with the history of the city during the last forty years and therefore has witnessed much of its growth and progress. Those who know him respect him for his sterling personal worth as well as for the business ability he manifests, and in all relations of life he measures up to the full standard of honorable, upright manhood.

ALEXANDER RAMM.

No history of commercial Dayton would be complete without extended and prominent reference to Alexander Ramm, who is conducting the only exclusive ladies' tailoring establishment of the city and his ability and high grade workmanship in this line has brought to him an extended patronage which makes his business one of the leading productive industries here. High standards are maintained in the grade of workmanship, in the personnel of the house and in the character of service rendered to the public, and Mr. Ramm, therefore, draws his patronage from among the most prominent people of the city and surrounding districts. He is now located at Nos. 1306-7-8-9 United Brethren building, the business demanding large quarters because of the increasing volume of trade.

Mr. Ramm was born in Antwerp, Belgium, on the 12th of December, 1869, and pursued his education in the schools of that country. He learned the tailoring trade in Paris under the famous French ladies' tailor, M. Swittgall, in whose establishment he remained for more than four years. Later he was connected with others in the same line until his ability brought him to a prominent place among those similarly engaged. Believing that the business opportunities of the new world were superior to those offered in European countries, he perfected his arrangements to come to the United States in 1883. He held various positions in New York, Cleveland and Chicago and was for eleven years in charge of the ladies' tailoring department in one of the largest establishments of its kind in Chicago as designer and fitter. Upon the request of many satisfied customers he came to Dayton in 1908 and within the year his business has enjoyed almost phenomenal success so that he now employs considerable help in his establishment nor is he able to take care of all his customers. He has the only exclusive ladies' tailoring establishment in Dayton and only high grade work is turned out. While it is an acknowledged fact that ladies are much more difficult to please than men he has yet to receive his first complaint concerning his work. His long connection with the leading house of Chicago gained him a wide reputation and his ability places him prominently before the public as one worthy of the most liberal patronage.

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In 1892 Mr. Ramm was married to Miss Rosa Boskin, of Cleveland, and they have two children: Lena and Leopold, who are with them in their pleasant home at No. 9 Locust street, Riverdale. Mr. Ramm, however, expects soon to erect a new residence. His time and energies are largely given to his chosen field of labor and with a nature that could never be content with mediocrity he has steadily worked upward, holding to high ideals in all that he undertakes. Appreciative of all that can be accomplished through line, material, style and workmanship, the garments which he turns out from his establishment are evidences of an artistic taste, while in finish as well as design, they are unexcelled. Mr. Ramm well deserves the success which has already come to him and which argues well for a successful future in his adopted city.

HENRY T. LAMSDALE.

Henry T. Lamsdale, engaged in general farming and also devoting some time to the dairy business, is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred June 22, 1861, on the old Lamsdale homestead in Jackson township, Montgomery county. The family comes of English stock, the grandparents of our subject, John and Martha Lamsdale, having spent their entire lives in England. There William Lamsdale, the father of Henry T. Lamsdale, was born and attended the schools of his native country until the age of nine years, when he was compelled to lay aside his text-books in order to assist his father. Ere leaving England for the United States he learned the carpet weaver's trade and upon establishing his home in Ohio he turned his attention to agricultural pursuits, later purchasing a farm. He married Mary Firth, a native of England, and unto them were born eight children, namely: Henry T., of this review; Martha E.; James A.; a child who died in infancy; Mary A.; Rena; Lillie, deceased; and Nellie.

Born and reared on the old homestead farm, Mr. Lamsdale attended the country schools in the pursuit of an education. He early became acquainted with the tasks that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, and as his age and strength increased he became more and more familiar with the work of the farm until he was able, through experience and close observation, to master the problems which present themselves to those who would become successful agriculturists, for in this line of business, as well as in industrial or commercial lines, problems arise which must be dealt with. He remained on the home farm for a number of years and then purchased for himself seventy-six acres of fine, productive land in Madison township, Montgomery county, located on the Eaton pike about seven miles west of Dayton, where he is at present residing. He here carries on general farming and devotes some attention to the dairy business, shipping his milk to Dayton, where it finds ready sale. He also engages in stock-raising to the extent of supplying his own needs in this direction. The major portion of his time and attention, however, is devoted to the raising of tobacco, which he makes his main crop, and he is known as one of the largest tobacco growers in his part of the county.

On the 25th of February, 1883, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Lamsdale and Sarah Heeter, a daughter of Sebastian and Catharine (Ernst) Heeter, and they have become the parents of three children: John F., who married Clara Perry and resides in Montgomery county; Vernon, who has completed his education and is at home; and Edna May, a student in school. On the 6th of July, 1906, Mr. Lamsdale was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife. She had been an invalid for a number of years when she contracted the measles which caused her death within a week. Her remains were interred in Wooden cemetery.

Mr. Lamsdale is a member of the Lutheran church, has served as one of its deacons and as the superintendent of the Sunday school for twelve years, while his wife also was very prominent in all of the departments of the church work and was one of the first Sunday school teachers. A stalwart champion of education, he served for nine years on the school board, while, notwithstanding the fact that his private business affairs make heavy demands upon his time and attention, he maintains a public-spirited citizenship, being interested in all measures and movements pertaining to the material, intellectual and moral development of the county. That he has been signally successful in his several business enterprises is indicated by the fact that his home is one of the finest in this part of the county and has been a favorite resort among a large circle of friends who entertain for Mr. Lamsdale warm regard and high esteem.

JULIUS V. JONES.

Julius V. Jones, well known as one of the younger representatives of the legal profession in Dayton and also numbered among those who enlisted in the Spanish-American war, was born September 11, 1881, in the city of his present residence, and to its public-school system is indebted for the substantial start which he made in educational lines. He afterward attended the Ohio Northern University at Ada, completing the course by graduation in 1903, subsequent to which time he began reading law in the office and under the direction of Judge Oren B. Brown of this city, while in 1903 he was graduated from the Cincinnati Night Law School. In the same year he was admitted to the bar and on the 1st of January, 1904, opened a law office. A year later he formed a partnership with his father, the late Walter D. Jones, the connection being terminated six months later by the father's death. At that time Julius V. Jones became a member of the law firm of Frizell, Corwin & Jones, which continued until April, 1907, when Mr. Jones withdrew and has since been alone in the practice of his profession, in which he has made steady advance. His clientage is such as many an older practitioner might well envy, for it has brought him into prominent relations with the works of the courts.

On the 24th of September, 1907, in Dayton, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Louise Anderton, a daughter of James Anderton, and they have one daughter, Julia Mary. Mr. Jones belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and to the United Brethren church. He has been called to official service, acting as president of the board of education in 1906, while in 1907 he served as acting police

judge. His spirit of patriotism was manifest at the time of the Spanish-American war by his enlistment on the 26th of April, 1898, as a private of Company I, Third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he spent six months in Tampa but was not called to active duty in the field. In all matters of citizenship, however, he is progressive and public spirited, and his influence in support of those who seek advancement in lines that will bring the greatest good to the greatest number.

DANIEL J. SIXSMITH.

Daniel J. Sixsmith, who for many years was one of the best known traveling salesmen of Dayton, is now successfully engaged in the wholesale tea and coffee business in this city. His long experience in placing goods upon the market gave him a familiarity with values and an understanding of trade conditions that have enabled him to meet the demand of his present business connections and through his well directed efforts and keen discernment he is winning substantial success.

His birth occurred in Jackson township, Montgomery county, Ohio, October 5, 1856, while his mother was visiting upon a farm in that township which belonged to her parents. Her home, however, was in Dayton, and it was in this city that the subject of this review was reared. His paternal grandfather, Thomas Sixsmith, was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and there he was married. Subsequently he removed to England and resided for some time in the city of Manchester. He acted for a considerable period as purchasing agent in the commissary department of the British army and died in Manchester a number of years ago. The name was originally Sexsmith, which is of Scotch-Irish origin.

Samuel S. Sixsmith, the father of our subject, was born in Manchester, England, in 1820, and was an engineer in the British navy before coming to America. In early manhood, however, he made the voyage across the broad Atlantic, going first to New Orleans, but subsequently he came to Montgomery county, Ohio. He was married in this county to Miss Susanna C. Drayer, a daughter of Daniel Drayer, and unto them were born eight children, of whom five reached adult age, as follows: Elizabeth C.; Daniel J.; Samuel A., who is deceased; Lillian D.; and Katharine L., the wife of Rev. Harry O. Harbaugh. The father of this family was numbered among the valued veterans of the Civil war, enlisting as a private of Company H, Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. On the expiration of his term of service of one hundred days, he reenlisted in the marine corps and served until the close of the war. He was assigned to the "tin clad" gunboat, Baltic, which made many trips up and down the Mississippi and Red rivers, being frequently under fire, facing the enemy's bullets.

Following the war Mr. Sixsmith became a member of Old Guard Post, No. 23, G. A. R., and was a most valued and loyal representative of the organization. He also belonged to the old volunteer fire department in the early days of its existence and in many other ways he contributed to the city's welfare and

progress, being intensely interested in everything relative to its upbuilding. His death occurred in 1870. He is survived by his wife, who is now in her seventy-seventh year.

At the usual age Daniel J. Sixsmith entered the public schools and further continued his education by study in Miami Commercial University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1875. He then took up commercial life, going upon the road for the firm of H. & T. Wyatt, wholesale cracker manufacturers. He continued upon the road without interruption for twenty-eight years, or until 1903, and during that time traveled for only four firms. His ability was manifest in his continuation with these different houses and he formed an extensive acquaintance among his patrons, many of whom became close and lasting friends. Desiring, however, to engage in business on his own account, he left the road in 1903 and since that time has been a representative of the wholesale coffee and tea trade, in which connection he has built up a satisfactory and constantly growing business.

On the 29th of July, 1880, Mr. Sixsmith was married in Dayton, to Miss Mary Ellen Slentz, a daughter of David Slentz, deceased, and they have three children: Edward J., Louella Junietta and Adaline Gertrude.

Fraternally, Mr. Sixsmith is connected with the Masons, holding membership with St. John's Lodge. He also belongs to Iola Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, the Eagles and the United Commercial Travelers, No. 3. He is also a representative of the Chamber of Commerce, in which connection he manifests a deep interest in everything relative to the welfare of the city. He is likewise a member of Garfield Club and of the First Reformed church. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and he served as councilman from the second ward in Dayton in 1906 and 1907. He is very widely and prominently known in military circles, having for twenty-eight years been interested in the military affairs of the government, and is now drum major of the Third Regiment of Ohio National Guard. He was the first captain and drill master of the famous team of Iola Lodge, No. 83, K. P., and brought this famous team to its present perfection, traveling all over the country in the interest of the work of the organization. He drilled this team for three and a half years and it won fame by reason of its notably fine work. Mr. Sixsmith is a man of genial, cordial disposition and possesses that tact which enables him to know how to approach people and place them at their ease. At the same time he is an alert, energetic and progressive man, seeking prosperity in the legitimate lines of trade, and all that he possesses is the visible evidence of his life of well directed thrift and energy.

WILLIAM McCOY KINNARD.

While the world instinctively pays deference to one whose success has been honorably gained, the fact that one is manager of an extensive business concern does not mean that he has strong hold upon the affections and regard of his fellowmen. That depends upon individual traits of character and arises

from a sincere and abiding interest in those with whom one comes in contact. Mr. Kinnard was peculiarly blessed with those qualities which win and retain warm friendship and enduring esteem, and thus it was that the news of his demise brought a sense of personal bereavement to all who knew him either personally or by reputation. He had the keenest appreciation for good qualities in others, was hopeful, courteous and cordial and shed around him much of the sunshine of life.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Kinnard was born in Harrisburg, on the 22d of August, 1855, and after acquiring his education in the schools of his native city he learned the trade of book-binding in Philadelphia and came to the west with a knowledge of that undertaking that would enable him to provide for his own support and give him opportunity to work upward. In 1877 he arrived in Dayton and continued to make his home in this city until his demise. He at once sought and secured employment in the book bindery of Thomas Odell, then one of the leading establishments of that character in this city. He was ambitious to engage in business on his own account, however, and when his industry and careful expenditure brought him sufficient capital he became junior partner in the firm of Troup & Kinnard, manufacturers of stationery supplies. That undertaking was successfully conducted for a time but later Mr. Kinnard sold out and became a stockholder in the firm of Crume & Sefton, manufacturers of paper novelties. This concern was finally merged into the Carter-Crume Company and at last became the Kinnard Manufacturing Company, with William M. Kinnard as its president. The house manufactured paper buckets and boxes for many years and enjoyed an extensive business, its output being widely shipped. As Mr. Kinnard met with prosperity in his undertaking he extended his efforts to other lines and the various enterprises with which he was associated constituted sources of substantial profit, for his judgment was sound and he possessed excellent powers of management. One of the greatest tests of the businessman is the feeling entertained for him by those in his service. Mr. Kinnard had the fullest respect of his employees for he ever had a pleasant and encouraging word, recognizing their ability in merited promotion when opportunity offered.

On the 18th of October, 1883, Mr. Kinnard was united in marriage to Miss Grace Gebhart, a daughter of Joseph Gebhart, a prominent manufacturer of Dayton, and unto them was born one son, Joseph Ritner, who was twenty-two years of age at the time of his father's demise. Mr. Kinnard held membership in the First English Lutheran church and his life was at all times in consistent harmony with his profession. He belonged to Dayton Club, Buckeye Gun Club, the Buz Fuz Club and the Golf Club and was also an influential member of the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce. He took keen interest in everything pertaining to Dayton's improvement and upbuilding and his loyalty and citizenship were manifest in his hearty cooperation in many measures for the public good. The death of Mr. Kinnard occurred February 7, 1908, when he was fifty-two years of age. Death came after a very brief illness so that the news of his death was a distinct shock to many. Perhaps no better estimate of his character can be given than by quoting from the local papers. One paper said: "The fact that he counted his friends among the high and low is an indica-

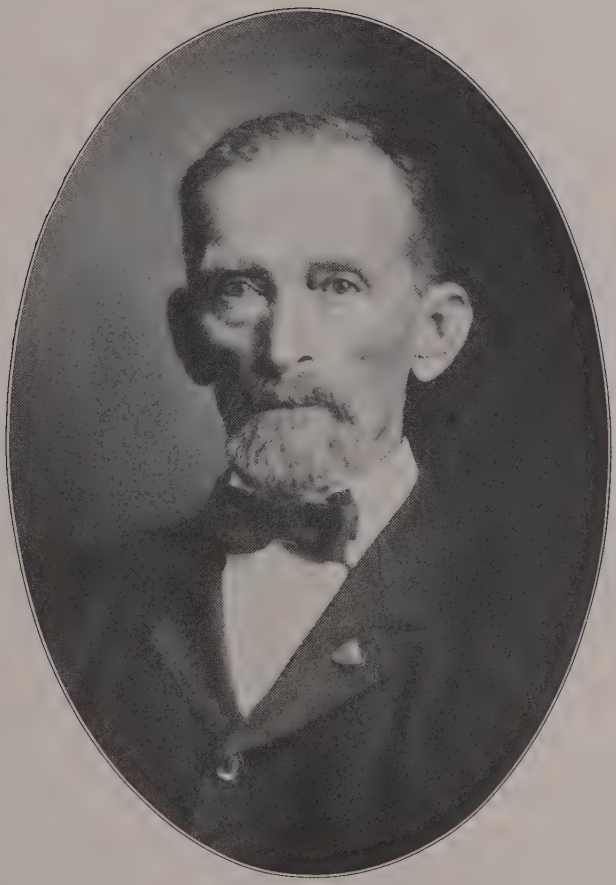
tion of his amiable and friendly disposition. He had a winning way and a certain charm that endeared many people to him." James M. Cox, the editor of the Dayton News, wrote: "He permitted each and every man to live his life as he saw fit. He condemned no one, judged no one, and if he ever uttered an unkind word against any man it is not so recorded. He was content to grant to others that which he asked for himself—the liberty of thinking as he pleased, of acting honestly and honorably, of keeping to himself, if he had any, the judgments of his fellowman. If there is trouble in the world, it was not caused by 'Billy' Kinnard. If there is in this universe a single sentence of condemnation, unjustly issued, 'Billy' Kinnard never had anything to do with its promulgation or its subsequent encouragement. And so the books are closed, the debits and credits passed on to the recording angel for final entry. No evil report, no unkind word of anything or any man in his life—such a man should live longer, and there ought to be more like him."

MICHAEL KURTZ, SR.

Michael Kurtz, Sr., an old soldier and a gardener of Harrison township, Montgomery county, has about seventy acres of land in different tracts along the Covington pike, just outside of Dayton. He was born in 1842 in Wurtemberg, Germany, the son of Michael and Treasse Kurtz. The father was a weaver by trade, but shortly after coming to this country he purchased the farm on which he lived the remaining years of his life. The mother died in Springfield, Ohio, very shortly after her arrival in the United States.

Michael Kurtz, Sr., the subject of the sketch, was the third in order of birth in a family of six children, of whom his sister Lena, next younger, is the only other survivor; Fred, Christ, George and an infant having passed away. He was ten years of age when his parents came to this country, and though he had started in school in Germany the greater part of his education was acquired in this county. He was a small boy, unaccustomed to English and the school methods which prevailed here, so he had to study a great deal at night, in fact obtained almost all of his education by work after the light of day had gone. In August, 1862, he enlisted in the Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private of Company A, and served with honor and distinction under Colonel Anderson in the Army of the Cumberland throughout the Civil War.

Mr. Kurtz married Miss Margaret Stack, by whom he had three children, William F., who married a Miss Appenzeller, and is the father of three children, Grace, Dorothy and Edward; Julia, who lives at home; and Michael, Jr., who married a Miss Bordscher. Mrs. Margaret (Stack) Kurtz died and was buried in Shilo cemetery, and subsequently Mr. Kurtz married Miss Elizabeth Diehl, daughter of Carl Diehl, of Dayton. Of this second marriage there have been born four children: Bertha; Carrie, who is the wife of Bird Thealgy and the mother of one child, Charles; Hattie, the wife of Walter Farmer; and one who died in infancy. The family attend the Lutheran church.



MICHAEL KURTZ, SR.

Mr. Kurtz is a public-spirited man, deeply interested in educational matters and willing to give generously of his time and energy for their advancement. For twenty-two years he was a member of the school board and during this time rendered valuable service to both the schools and the community, and this despite the fact that he has the care of a good sized berry farm.

JOHN WEISMANTEL.

The commercial history of Dayton would be incomplete and unsatisfactory were there failure to make reference to John Weismantel, who is today the oldest grocer, in years of continuous service, in this city. He is, moreover, a high type of the self-made man, and his record is an illustration of what may be accomplished by young men of foreign birth who are willing to dare and to do. His position among his fellow countrymen is indicated in the fact that he is now honored with the presidency of the German Pioneer Society of Dayton. A native of the kingdom of Bavaria, John Weismantel was born in the town of Obersenn, February 4, 1843, and there lived to the age of eighteen years when he heard and heeded the call of America, which is continually drawing to it the ambitious young men of the old world who desire to enjoy the broad business opportunities afforded on this side of the Atlantic. He came direct to Dayton, where he had relatives living, and on reaching the city turned his attention to tailoring, which he followed for a year. Finding that in that employment he did not have opportunity to learn the English language as rapidly as he desired he then entered the grocery store of Jost Durst as a clerk, knowing that this position would demand his continuous use of the English tongue. He had served in that capacity for a year when on the 4th of December, 1863, he responded to a further call of the country for troops, enlisting at Dayton in the Second Kentucky Heavy Artillery. Owing to the failure to fill the battery he was transferred to Company L of the Seventh Kentucky Cavalry and went to the front as a private, but rose to the rank of corporal ere he was honorably discharged at Louisville, Kentucky, September 6, 1865. He participated in the battle of Resaca, the engagement near Graysville, Georgia, with General Joseph Wheeler, and with Sheridan started for Louisville, Kentucky, in the late summer of 1865. The regiment had previously been unmounted, but was mounted at Louisville and thence started for Nashville, Tennessee, the first fight as a cavalry force taking place at Selma, Alabama. Later Mr. Weismantel participated in the engagements at Montgomery, Alabama, and Macon, Georgia, which was the last battle of any importance in which he took part. His command was one of those in pursuit of President Jefferson Davis. Later they proceeded southward to Tallahassee, Florida, and afterward returned to Louisville, Kentucky, where Mr. Weismantel was mustered out.

When the war was over he returned to Dayton and on the 1st of January, 1866, opened a grocery store in this city. He has since continued in the business, and is today the oldest grocer in Dayton in years of continuous connection

with the trade. His business ability and integrity have been constantly manifest, and his success is the well merited reward of his enterprise and diligence.

Mr. Weismantel has always been well known in local political circles. He gives his support to the democracy and served for five years, beginning in 1876, as assessor of the seventh ward. In 1880 he was appointed general appraiser for his ward, and filled the position for one term, while from 1888 to 1890 he was a member of the city council. He also served for six years on the board of workhouse directors, so continuing until the board was abolished by a change in the law. All of his public duties have been discharged with a diligence of purpose that is most commendable, his labors constituting a progressive element in the municipal welfare.

Mr. Weismantel was married in Dayton, in 1870, to Miss Dorothea L. Wuellmer, and unto them were born twelve children, of whom two sons and a daughter died in infancy, while another daughter Clara J., died in 1903 at the age of twenty-eight years. The eight surviving children are: Sophia L., the wife of Barnhart Zimmer, of Dayton; Anna C., the wife of Gustave Keck, of Los Angeles, California; Louis A., Ida, Minnie, Henry, Albert C. and Margaret, all yet at home. Mr. Weismantel is a member of the Independent Order of Red Men and the Harugari. He belongs to the German Lutheran church and is president of the German Pioneer Society, of Dayton. He has always been an influential factor in German-American circles here, and is a splendid type of the valued citizen that the fatherland has furnished to the new world. In this country he found the opportunities which he sought and which, by the way, are always open to ambitious, energetic, young men, and in the improvement of the chances which came to him, none of which he passed heedlessly by, he has attained success and an honored name.

JOHN ANDREW COOK.

John Andrew Cook, of Mad River township, is the owner of ten acres of valuable land on the Troy pike near the Canal bridge, which he devotes to truck farming. It was on this place that his birth occurred on the 25th of January, 1853, his parents being Frederick and Catharine (Frank) Cook. The father, who was the first representative of the name to take up his abode in Montgomery county, came here from Germany in 1840 and cleared the farm on which our subject now resides. His family numbered three children, as follows: Anna, living in Dayton, who first became the wife of John Rousch and after his death gave her hand in marriage to John Beck; John Andrew, of this review; and Maggie, the wife of John Zinc, of Indiana.

John Andrew Cook has always continued to make his home on the farm where his birth occurred and in his youthful years he attended the schools of the vicinity, also giving his father the benefit of his services in the cultivation of the home place. Since putting aside his text-books he has given his undivided attention to market gardening and his efforts in this direction have won him a gratifying and commendable measure of prosperity. As before stated, he owns

a well improved and arable tract of land of ten acres and has erected a modern and attractive residence, it being one of the finest on the pike.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life Mr. Cook chose Miss Christina Melberth, a daughter of Peter and Catharine Melberth, of Montgomery county. Three children have been born of this union, namely: Frederick H., a farmer and machinist, who wedded Amanda Bruski, by whom he has four children, John H., Florence, Clarence and Joseph; Margaret, who has completed her education and is living at home; and Elizabeth, also at home.

The different members of the family belong to the Reformed church, taking a deep and helpful interest in its work. Mr. Cook is ever loyal to the interests of the community and is a progressive citizen and public-spirited man as well as an enterprising farmer. All who know him esteem and respect him and his circle of friends in his native county is an extensive one.

MICHAEL J. OLT.

Among the energetic, enterprising and prosperous farmers of Madison township, Montgomery county, who are meeting with success in agriculture and kindred lines, is Michael J. Olt, who was born on the farm where he now resides February 20, 1859. The Olt family had its origin in Germany, where Frederick Olt, the grandfather of Michael J., served as burgomaster of the village of Breidenbrun. He spent his entire life in the fatherland and was a very prominent man in his section of Germany. It was there that Michael Olt, the father of our subject was born, reared and educated. With the hope of obtaining better business opportunities in the new world than were offered in his native country, he came to the United States in 1850, settling in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in soap-making for two years. In 1852 he removed to Ohio and established himself in the butchering business. He was married in 1855 to Miss Frances Walther, a native of Wurtemberg, Germany, who came to the United States in company with her sister, Margaret. In their family were the following children: Mary; Michael J.; John P.; William F.; Frederick C.; Louis G.; Emma F.; Lucy, deceased; and an infant who died. Although the father conducted business enterprises in several different parts of the county, he continued to make his residence in Madison township.

Michael J. Olt acquired his education in the schools of this locality and at the same time assisted his father in his business interests. He thus early gained experience and business training that served him in good stead when later he took up farming independently, and in addition to his agricultural labors he also became a wholesale butcher. He has been an earnest, diligent and persevering worker, and the prosperity which he now enjoys is due entirely to his energy and determination to succeed. In connection with his butchering interests he also deals extensively in cattle, and aside from his industrial enterprises he owns considerable property which he has purchased from time to time as he has prospered. Among his holdings are two hundred and twenty-five acres of finely cultivated farm land, one hundred and fifty acres located on the Liberty road

near the Soldiers Home, and fifty acres on the Union road a half mile north of the Eaton pike. The old Olt homestead, where he now resides and upon which his entire life has been spent, constitutes seventeen acres of land, and it is here that all of his business is conducted.

On September 17, 1889, Mr. Olt was married to Miss Caroline Knecht, a daughter of Christ and Mary (Geiser) Knecht, the former a butcher by trade. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Olt have been born two children, Mary Frances and Michael, Jr. The daughter is a graduate of Steele high school and has an extensive acquaintance among the younger people of Dayton. The son is yet a student of the high school.

The family attend St. John's Lutheran church of Dayton, of which Mr. Olt is a member. He was a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and now holds membership in the Masonic Lodge and Humboldt Lodge, K. P. He is likewise a prominent member of the Butchers' Association and has held all of its offices, while he is a stockholder in the First Saving & Banking Company. Public-spirited and progressive, Mr. Olt has never permitted his business interests to exclude him from participation in measures and movements pertaining to the general welfare and upbuilding of the community, and he occupies a high place in the respect and esteem of his fellowmen. The family residence, which was built by Mr. Olt ten years ago, is an up-to-date structure of fourteen rooms equipped with all modern conveniences, and is situated about a mile from Dayton, so that the family are in a position to enjoy all of the delights of life in the country combined with the conveniences of the city.

LLEWELLYN G. KLEPINGER, M. D.

Dr. Llewellyn G. Klepinger, who is widely recognized as a successful and popular representative of the medical fraternity of Montgomery county, has offices in the Arcade building in Dayton, while his home is on Fairview avenue, just outside the corporation limits of the city. He was born on the 24th of June, 1870, his parents being Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) Klepinger, both of whom still survive and enjoy excellent health. George Klepinger, the paternal grandfather, was the first representative of the name to come to Ohio, making the journey from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Henry Klepinger, the father of our subject, was born on the old Klepinger homestead in Montgomery county and has long been numbered among the most prominent and influential citizens of his community. He holds membership in the German Baptist church and his life has ever been in conformity with its teachings. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, namely: David; George, deceased; Alfred; Ellsworth; Charles; Mary, who has also passed away; Llewellyn G., of this review; Edwin; and Howard.

Llewellyn G. Klepinger obtained his preliminary education in the district schools of Madison township and when not busy with his lessons he worked at farm labor, thus earning enough money to enable him to go to college. For three terms he was a student in the Northern Indiana Normal School and sub-

sequently was connected with manufacturing interests for about two years. He afterward pursued a course in the Miami Commercial College of Dayton and then, having determined upon the practice of medicine as a life work, entered the Ohio Medical College, from which institution he was graduated in 1901. In 1905 he took a special course of study in Chicago and on returning to Dayton opened an office in the Arcade building, where he has remained to the present time. An able and skilled practitioner, his labors have been attended with well merited success and, although still young in years, he has already gained an enviable reputation as a representative of the medical profession.

On the 15th of October, 1901, Dr. Klepinger was joined in wedlock to Miss Grace Markey, a daughter of Nathaniel and Anna (Wampler) Markey, of Montgomery county. By this union there is one child, Paul Markey. The family attend the United Brethren church, while fraternally Dr. Klepinger is identified with the Modern Woodmen. He is a worthy and respected native son of Montgomery county and his life has been actuated at all times by high and honorable principles, manifested in his professional labors and in his private life.

WILLIAM F. GLOYD.

A most honorable record of business activity and enterprise has brought William F. Gloyd to his present responsible position as president of the American Loan & Savings Association of Dayton. He was born in Sparta, Morrow county, Ohio, July 1, 1835, and is a representative of an old New England family. His father, Isaac Gloyd, and his paternal grandfather were both natives of New Hampshire and the former died about 1837, when thirty-four years of age. William F. Gloyd was at that time but two years old. When a youth of fifteen he left his native town for Lima, Ohio, having previously acquired his education in the public schools of Sparta. On his removal to Lima he entered upon his business career as an apprentice in the foundry and after six months went to Delphos, Ohio, where he continued until the winter of 1856.

At that date Mr. Gloyd returned to Sparta and in 1857 came to Dayton, where he has now made his home for more than half a century. Throughout this period he has made an unassailable reputation as a reliable, industrious and progressive business man, gradually working his way upward, his responsibilities increasing, while each forward step has also brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunity. On his arrival in this city he secured employment in a foundry, where he remained for a number of years, his ability, diligence and faithfulness securing him promotion from time to time until he had become recognized as a worthy representative of business interests in this city. He was then chosen president of the American Loan & Savings Association in 1876 and for a third of a century has remained at the head of this business, its growth and success being attributable in very large measure to his continued supervision. He has been a close student of financial conditions and is a prominent representative of moneyed interests of this city.

Mr. Gloyd was married in Dayton, in 1858, to Miss Amanda Swaynie and they have three living children: Gertrude, now the wife of Dr. J. A. Rumspert; E. L.; and F. M. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Gloyd belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, while his political endorsement is given to the republican party. He has never sought the honors nor emoluments of political office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, which, capably directed, have brought him into important relations with the public in the phases of its business activity and advancement.

HARRY E. TALBOTT.

Harry E. Talbott, now president of the Mead Pulp & Paper Company, is also connected with other interests which have bearing upon the industrial development of Dayton. His birth occurred in Cincinnati in 1860 and his education was acquired in that city. At the age of twenty years he took up the profession of civil engineering and spent six years with the Northern Pacific Railroad Company in its construction department. He was afterward assistant chief engineer of the construction of the Chicago Belt Line road, one hundred and twenty-five miles in length, a task that required eighteen months for its completion. On the expiration of that period he became assistant chief engineer of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, with which he was connected for three years or until 1892, when he came to Dayton, where he has since made his home. His knowledge of the scientific principles underlying his work well qualifies him for the execution of important contracts and he is, moreover, diligent and persevering in all that he undertakes. He gives his attention to executive control and administrative direction as president of the Mead Pulp & Paper Company, also of the H. E. Talbott Company, engineers and contractors. He has likewise extended his efforts into other fields of activity and is now a director of the Dayton Lighting Company and a director of the City National Bank.

While Mr. Talbott is well known as an energetic business man whose activity is far-reaching, he is to his friends a most social and genial gentleman and is a popular member of the Buz Fuz Club, the Dayton City Club and the Golf Club. He is also a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

CHARLES W. RAYMOND.

Charles W. Raymond, whose activities and interests have been directed in commercial, musical and political lines, is the president of the C. W. Raymond Company, incorporated, in which connection he controls a business of substantial worth in the commercial circles of the city. While he has developed a trade of large proportions, however, he has regarded business as but one phase of life and is a participant in other vital interests which go to make up human existence.

CHARLES W. RAYMOND

Charles Worthington Raymond was born in Dayton, Ohio, January 17, 1851, and in both the paternal and maternal lines represents old families of this state. His father, George McMullen Raymond, was born near Cincinnati, Ohio, and in the '20s wedded Eliza Ann Bonte of that city. They became the parents of five children, three of whom are residents of Indianapolis, Indiana, while Samuel is deceased. The father possessed notable musical ability and was an unusually sweet singer, his gifts in that direction contributing in no small degree to pleasure in social life and to the interest of the church with which he was connected. During the early years of his residence in Dayton he belonged to Wesley chapel of the Methodist Episcopal church and afterward became one of the founders of Raper chapel on East Fifth street. He became the first superintendent of its Sunday school, served as such continuously for ten years, and in all lines of church work was active and helpful. He belonged to both the subordinate lodge and encampment of Odd Fellows and was once representative to the grand lodge. He died in Indianapolis, August 16, 1893, having survived his wife for six years.

The public schools of Dayton afforded Charles W. Raymond his educational privileges and on putting aside his text-books he became associated with his father in business, learning the trades of blacksmithing and wagonmaking, his practical knowledge thereof proving a source of much benefit as he advanced in business life. His training gave him an excellent knowledge of mechanical principles that has led to the development of what is today one of the leading productive industries of the city. He soon began giving evidence of inventive genius and also early in his career displayed excellent executive ability, enabling him to readily take advantage of any situation or opportunity. He continued in business with his father in the original lines until 1880, when, under the firm style of G. M. Raymond & Son, they established the present brick machine works and from the beginning the enterprise proved profitable, the trade gradually increasing. When the father wished to retire in 1888 the son purchased his interest and reorganized the business under the name of C. W. Raymond & Company. The firm manufactures clay working machinery.

Entering the market with a machine, a reversal of old ideas and an addition of new ones, at a time when the market was ripe for it, he soon reaped the merited reward of his ingenuity and today is at the head of a business which manufactures machinery for the production of building brick, fire brick, pressed and ornamental brick, also brick for the paving of streets and shingles for the roofing of houses. Mr. Raymond's first invention, in 1886, was a machine for pressing terra cotta and ornamental brick, instead of making them by hand as formerly, which increased the production of thirty pieces per day to about three thousand pieces per day; later he invented a power repress for the manufacture of paving bricks, by which ten thousand blocks per day were produced, and still later he invented the Columbian special repress, capable of pressing thirty thousand paving blocks per day, a wonder in this line of work and also the first machine by which plastic clays were handled automatically. These, however, form only a small part of his inventions, which followed closely one upon another. It has been his good fortune to design and invent much of the machinery which now goes to make up a modern brick plant. The capacity was formerly ten thousand per day but has been increased to two hundred thousand per day molded automatically. The output

of the Raymond factory is distributed throughout the world and it takes contracts for equipping the largest plants with all necessary machinery, which is set up and guaranteed, and no charge is ever made if inadequate to do all that is claimed for it. This is the only concern of the kind in Dayton and the ingenuity of Mr. Raymond has secured to it almost a monopoly of its peculiar products. Starting in life practically without a dollar, his accumulation of wealth has been a wonder to the community and an example which the younger generation might well emulate. Mr. Raymond is today rated as one of the wealthy men of Dayton. In addition to his manufacturing business, he is a large holder of real estate in Dayton and possesses a plantation of one thousand acres in southern Georgia, which is devoted exclusively to the raising of fruit of various kinds. Upon this place he has eighty thousand peach trees and the plantation is a source of substantial profit.

In 1872 Mr. Raymond was united in marriage to Miss Viola Palmer, of Dayton, and unto them have been born three sons and a daughter: Ellis Palmer, Eliza N., George McMullen and Charles W., Jr. The two surviving sons are connected with the father in business. Ellis Palmer, the eldest, who was also the associate of his father in business and was a musician of more than local note, died at Mount Clemens, Michigan, on the 4th of May, 1905. He was born in Dayton and acquired his education in the district and public schools. Endowed by nature with marked musical talent, under the instruction of able teachers he became one of the most proficient organists and choir directors in the city. For many years he served acceptably in Christ's Episcopal and the First Reformed churches of Dayton. He was serving as organist and choir master in the First Reformed church when the growth of the business of the firm of C. W. Raymond & Company made it necessary to estblish an eastern branch, which was done in New York city, Ellis P. Raymond, who was the vice president of the company, taking charge of the business in the metropolis. For four years he remained as manager of that point and from the beginning attained large success. He was a man of rare mental and moral qualities, one into whose life religion came as a sweet fragrance. Of fine self-control, large charity, broad sympathy, from boyhood up to full manhood his charming manner endeared him to all who knew him. He was the exemplification of the possibilities that lie before the upright, industrious and faithful American youth. While in Dayton he was a strong assistant of his father, whose success as a manufacturer is well known. In society his influence was for the welfare of his companions. He was ever careful to so live that none could justly criticise his filling the important position he occupied in the house of God. In the family he was a loving and beloved son, and when a month prior to his death his parents were called to New York city on account of his serious illness, they gave to him every possible attention and used every means that reason could dictate or love inspire for his recovery, but all efforts were in vain and on the 5th of May, 1905, he passed away, leaving behind him the memory of a beautiful life that is enshrined in the hearts of all who knew him.

The family are prominent socially in the city and the hospitality of the Raymond home is most cordial. In his fraternal relations Mr. Raymond is an Odd Fellow, belonging to Wayne Lodge, No. 10. He is also a charter member of Linden Lodge, K. P., and a member of the Essenic order. He inherited his father's

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love for and talent in music and for many years has been associated with the leading musical societies of the city. In all matters relative to progress and improvement Mr. Raymond is interested. As a member of the Board of Trade he cooperated in many measures for the general good relative to the substantial improvement and municipal welfare of Dayton. He is likewise a gentleman of broad, humanitarian spirit, who for sixteen years has been a trustee of the Montgomery County Children's Home. Neither is he unknown in political circles. He was one of the organizers of the McKinley Club, which was formed in 1902 and had a membership of over four hundred. It was an important organization in the political circles of the city and Mr. Raymond was elected its president. A champion of field sports and all manly outdoor exercises of recreative nature, recognizing the value of such as a factor in well developed manhood, his love of fair play, uniform courtesy and pleasant personality have made him popular in amateur and local contests. In a well rounded character it is difficult to point out those traits which are prominent above all others. Seeing Mr. Raymond in musical circles one might imagine his whole life wrapped up in the art; in political circles one might feel that his sole aim was to secure the adoption of the principles and the election of the candidates that he advocates; to know him in business one instantly recognizes in him an alert, enterprising man who is fully capable of meeting and successfully solving the complex problems of trade and commerce. All this indicates that he has in large measure that valuable quality known as concentration, enabling him to give his undivided attention to the interest in hand and therefore accomplish substantial results in whatever line he is engaged.

HERMANN PRETZINGER.

Hermann Pretzinger, proprietor of a well appointed drug store in Dayton, was born in Greenville, Ohio, in 1853, but during his infancy was brought by his parents to the city in which he now makes his home. Here he was reared and acquired his education as a public-school student, after which he entered the drug store of Ross & Lindsay in Dayton. In that establishment he acquainted himself with pharmaceutical work, studying at nights and sleeping in the store, where he also partook of his breakfast and supper. His close application, unremitting energy and laudable ambition enabled him to make good advancement, and when nineteen years of age he became prescription clerk. For four years he remained with the firm of Ross & Lindsay, there continuing until 1871, after which he spent five years as a prescription clerk in the drug store of H. D. Carnells. In January, 1877, he formed a partnership with his brother Rudolph for the establishment and conduct of a drug store and they continued together in business until the death of his brother on the 14th of February, 1909. They developed an extensive business and Mr. Pretzinger is now owner of the store, which is attractive and tasteful in its appointments. None of the accessories or equipments of a modern city drug store are lacking here and his trade is very gratifying.

In Port Huron, Michigan, Mr. Pretzinger was united in marriage to Miss Clementine N. Stickney, and they have one daughter, Irma S. Mr. Pretzinger affiliates with the Lutheran church, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He has never held office or been active in politics but is interested in all those measures and movements which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride. He is now acting as a trustee of the Miami Valley Hospital and whenever it is possible to put forth effort for the benefit of the community along any line he does it most willingly.

JAMES PERRINE.

James Perrine was born in Middlesex county, New Jersey, in which section of the country his ancestors had lived for many generations. He was of French Huguenot descent, representatives of the name having left Nantes, France, after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes which deprived the people of the religious liberty that had formerly been accorded them. They went to Holland and thence sailed for America in 1665, first settling on Staten Island, while later the family home was established in New Jersey, and the old homestead passed out of possession of representatives of the name only in 1905.

James Perrine spent his early youth in the county of his nativity and in 1812 came to Dayton with his father, John Perrine, who was one of the honored citizens of his day and died here at the venerable age of ninety-four years. At the time of their arrival Dayton was a little village, but it had in it the conditions necessary for the building of a great city because of its advantageous location and the fact that it was settled with a most enterprising and progressive class of men.

James, Johnson and Henry Perrine, sons of John Perrine, all became honored business men of Dayton, successful merchants who were esteemed and respected because of their unqualified honesty as well as their progressive spirit. In early life James Perrine accepted a clerkship in the employ of H. G. Phillips and that he demonstrated his worth is evidenced in the fact that after a few years he was admitted to a partnership under the firm name of Phillips & Perrine. Later Mr. Perrine's brothers were admitted to the firm under the style of J. & J. V. Perrine Company. The partnership continued for some time and was then dissolved, James Perrine, however, continuing the business. He made his one of the foremost mercantile establishments in this city, its trade increasing with the growth of Dayton and the settlement of the surrounding county. He was a man of positive character, widely known for his unflinching integrity and unfaltering business honor. His store became a savings bank for hundreds of both town and country people who left their money with him for safe keeping. He became a director of the Second, now the Third, National Bank, and for many years figured very prominently in financial circles, manifesting marked power in managing intricate financial interests. He was also one of the directors and organizers of the Dayton Insurance Company.

In 1830 Mr. Perrine was united in marriage to Miss Julia Darst, a representative of one of the old families of Dayton, and unto them were born seven children, of whom two are still living. One daughter, Mary P., married George W. Shaw, of Dayton, and died, leaving three children, George G. Shaw, Mrs. John B. Green and Mrs. Harry Carnell, all of Dayton. Miss Martha Perrine still occupies the old homestead on Second street in Dayton, which was erected in 1830 and was one of the finest residences of the city in the early days. Louisa J. became the wife of Edward E. Barney, now deceased, and resides in Jamestown, Virgina. She has five children, James Perrine, Julia Henrietta, Martha Perrine, Louise Jane and Agnes.

Throughout the years of his residence in Dayton Mr. Perrine was also deeply and actively interested in the various movements and measures for the city's good, giving to such his earnest and generous support. He became one of the members of the volunteer fire department at its organization when the leading business men of the town banded together to protect the city against destruction by fire, giving their services without compensation whenever thus needed. He was also one of the organizers of the Woodland Cemetery Association and remained as a director until his death. He was also one of the first trustees and an active and influential member of the Third Presbyterian church. He passed away in January, 1863, and the city mourned the loss of him who had been characterized "one of the best men in Dayton." His prominence in business, his value as a citizen and his worth in private life were all indicated by the fact that at the hour of his funeral all business houses of the city were closed in his honor, his fellow townsmen uniting in thus paying their tribute of honor and respect to one who had long been to them the embodiment of all that was upright and commendable in life.

Eight years after the death of Mr. Perrine his wife passed away. Her life was of that quiet, domestic kind which in all of its phases exhibited the true wife, the faithful mother and the exemplary Christian. Her interest in the sick, her readiness at all times to alleviate their suffering, her tender watching and intelligent care will ever be remembered by those who were witnesses of this rare exemplification of Christian duty and of warm sympathy. It would seem that no better tribute could be paid to the memory of this kindly woman than this: that while devoting herself with all earnestness and faithfulness to her home duties as a wife and mother, she was always seeking to give assistance and comfort to friends who were prostrated by illness.

WILLIAM F. BIPPUS.

The National Cash Register Company has assembled a corps of competent men in charge of a most extensive enterprise, its ramifying trade interests reaching out to all portions of this country and foreign lands as well. Prominent in control of its interests as the manager of its financial affairs, is William F. Bippus, who is now occupying the office of treasurer of the company.

He was born in Bellaire, Ohio, a son of Christian and Sophia (Faupel) Bippus, both natives of Germany. He spent the first fifteen years of his life in Bellaire, his time being largely employed in the mastery of the branches of learning that constituted the public school curriculum. He prepared for the onerous duties of a business career by a course in the Wheeling Business College, from which he was graduated in 1888. The following year, believing that Dayton offered good business opportunities, he came to this city in the month of June and entered the National Cash Register Company, where his willingness to work, his ready understanding of instructions and quick adaptability in executing the tasks assigned him led to his promotion. In 1893 he was transferred to the treasurer's department from the order department, and on the 16th of July, 1907, he was made treasurer. He is thus actively connected with the financial management of a most important industry, recognized not only as one of the leading productive concerns of Dayton but also of this section of the country. He is in hearty sympathy with the progressive policy of the company which has made theirs known throughout the world as a model factory in all of its appointments, equipment and its service, not only to the public but to its employers.

On the 12th of October, 1897, in Zanesville, Ohio, Mr. Bippus was married to Miss Florence J. Knight. They attend the Presbyterian church and have a large circle of warm friends who enjoy the hospitality of their attractive home. In Masonry Mr. Bippus has passed through the various degrees and is a Knight Templar and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He is a member of the Dayton City Club and in politics votes independently, preferring to champion the principles or candidates without regard to party affiliations. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is a cooperant factor in many of its movements toward building up a greater city and extending its industrial and commercial relations. Personally he is notably prompt, energetic and reliable, adding to his other business qualifications a large amount of that quality which is termed common sense and which is too often lacking in the business world. It is this quality which enables one to place a correct value upon every situation and its opportunities and to estimate with accuracy upon the outcome of every business move or condition.

SAMUEL CREG HUDSON.

A rich and productive tract of land on section 5, Jefferson township, pays tribute to the care and labor which is bestowed upon it by Samuel C. Hudson. His birth occurred in Mansfield, Richland county, Ohio, on the 5th of April, 1873, his parents being Robert and Barbara (Harter) Hudson. The paternal grandfather of our subject was James Hudson, of Maryland.

In early manhood Samuel C. Hudson learned the trade of a stonecutter and brickmason, with which lines of activity he was successfully identified for some time but is now devoting his energies to general farming. He cultivates the cereals best adapted to soil and climate and finds a ready market for his prod-

ucts. In his business methods he is systematic and in all of his dealings is thoroughly reliable and energetic.

On the 24th of December, 1899, Mr. Hudson wedded Miss Grace O. Holler, who was born on the 14th of July, 1881, and is a daughter of Levi P. Holler. By this union there are two children: Robert Doan, whose natal day was February 2, 1903; and Zella Marie, born on the 14th of December, 1906. The parents are consistent and faithful members of the Church of the Brethren and their many sterling traits of character and genuine personal worth have gained them the warm regard and esteem of all with whom they have been associated.

H. J. EDWARDS.

H. J. Edwards, factory manager and chief engineer of the Dayton Motor Car Company, is thus associated with one of the important industrial concerns that is recognized as a leading factor in the trade activities of this city. He was born in Somerset, England, April 22, 1872, and came to America in September, 1891, being at that time a young man of nineteen years. He had acquired his education in the schools of his native country and the opportunities which he had heard concerning the business conditions in the new world constituted an irresistible attraction which brought him to Ohio at the date designated. He was for almost fourteen years a resident of Cleveland, being engaged with the automobile companies of that city until July, 1905, when he came to Dayton and accepted his present position as factory manager and chief engineer of the Dayton Motor Car Company. He is also vice president of the Courier Car Company.

Mr. Edwards was married in 1898 in Cleveland, to Miss Henriette L. Beekman, a daughter of Henry Beekman, and unto them have been born four children, Henriette L., Mary J., John H. and Thomas E. Mr. Edwards and his wife are communicants of the Catholic church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus. He is also a member of the Dayton City Club and the Country Club. While he has been a resident of Dayton for but a comparatively brief period, he has already established his place as a worthy representative of industrial circles and one whose salient qualities of manhood entitle him to the good will and confidence which are uniformly given him.

MICHAEL JOSEPH SCHWIND.

The record of Michael Joseph Schwind was terminated long ere he had attained the prime of life and yet in the years of his manhood his activity and enterprise were such as to win him classification with the representative, reliable and valued business men of Dayton. He was one of the native sons of this city and represented one of the old German families, his father having come to Dayton at an early day. Here he was recognized as a leading German

pioneer, associated with various business enterprises of importance. The son pursued his education at St. Mary's and also in a college at Windsor, Canada, from which he was graduated on the completion of the course. He possessed notable enterprise, energy and determination and always recognized and utilized his opportunities. He was well known in business circles here as the president of the C. Schwind Realty Company and was the president of the C. Schwind Brewing Company until it became part of the Dayton Breweries Company and of the latter he was one of the directors. In the control of his business affairs he displayed sound judgment and conducted his interests along lines leading to substantial success.

On the 12th of February, 1896, Mr. Schwind was united in marriage to Miss Louise Eva Schamel of Dayton, who was born in Darke county, Ohio. They had many friends here, occupying a leading position in social circles. Mr. Schwind was a member of Emanuel church, also belonging to the Knights of St. John and was connected with St. Joseph's Orphan Society. He gave generously of his means to the poor and needy and also to organized charities. He was particularly fond of outdoor life and sports and found much pleasure in hunting. He also greatly enjoyed farm life and for some time prior to his death which occurred December 8, 1908, made his home upon a farm near the city.

WARREN G. LENTZ.

Warren G. Lentz, of Madison township, is the owner of a neat and valuable farm of seventy acres, situated on the east side of the Lexington road about five miles north of Dayton. He was born December 23, 1877, on the old Lentz homestead in this township, and is the youngest living child of George and Catharine (Blessing) Lentz. The family is of German lineage and was founded in America by Jacob Lentz, who was born in the fatherland and as a young man came to this country. Eventually he became a resident of Montgomery county, securing a tract of land near Dayton. He married Fredricka Moselman and their son George was the father of our subject. He was born in Pennsylvania and after coming to Montgomery county gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits, his first home being a farm near Dayton. He afterward purchased the old Sanger farm and later bought one hundred and sixty acres of land now known as the old Lentz homestead. He married Catharine Blessing and they became the parents of twelve children, namely: Amos, Martha, Lydia, Isaac, Aaron, Emma, Amanda, Ida, Jesse, Ira, Anna and Warren G. All are living in this county with the exception of Emma, who resides in California.

Warren G. Lentz obtained his education in the schools of his native township and when not busy with his text-books he aided his father in the work of the home farm. On starting out in business life for himself he purchased a part of the old Klepinger farm in Madison township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he has since devoted his time and energies. A branch of Wolf Creek runs through the property, thus affording a natural watering

WARREN G. LENTZ AND FAMILY

place for his cattle, of which he raises a number for his own use. In addition to his agricultural interests he also conducts a wholesale dairy, selling milk to his brothers, who are the leading dairymen of the county. He resides in a modern two-story brick structure and his farm is equipped with the latest improved machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. In fact everything about the place is indicative of the business management and keen discernment of the owner, who is accounted one of the representative and successful citizens of the community.

On the 16th of March, 1902, Mr. Lentz was united in marriage to Miss Altha May Diehl, a native of Madison township and a daughter of Nathaniel and Mary Ella (Garst) Diehl. They now have a daughter, Lola May, six years of age. Mr. Lentz belongs to the conservative branch of the Dunkard church, in the work of which he is actively and helpfully interested. Both he and his wife have spent their entire lives in Montgomery county and are a popular young couple, whose many excellent traits of heart and mind have endeared them to all with whom they have been associated.

MAURICE D. LARKIN.

It is only the successful men who are before the public eye and we have become so accustomed to accept their work without comment that we seldom pause to seriously contemplate their accomplishments or reflect upon the causes which have won them success. In analyzing the life records of such men as Maurice D. Larkin, however, it becomes evident that close application and unfaltering and intelligently directed energy constitute the salient elements in their continuous advancement in business lines. He is today president and treasurer of the M. D. Larkin Supply Company, engaged extensively in the jobbing of mill, factory and steamfitters supplies, and sole proprietor of the Larkin Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of fire department supplies.

A native of Dayton, Mr. Larkin was born March 22, 1876, a son of Daniel C. Larkin, former chief of the fire department of this city. The father was born in Sandusky, Ohio, July 29, 1849, while the grandfather, Thomas Larkin, a native of Connecticut, was one of six brothers who came together to the middle west in 1824, three of them locating in Sandusky, Ohio, while the other three became residents of Detroit, Michigan. For more than thirty years Thomas Larkin was a locomotive engineer and through the explosion of his locomotive about two miles from Sandusky, on the 5th of June, 1875, he lost his life. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Ann Ryne, was born in Ireland, came to the United States in childhood with her two sisters and died in 1893.

Daniel C. Larkin spent his youthful days as a public school student in Sandusky and in learning the machinist's trade, at which he served a three years' apprenticeship. He then accepted a position as locomotive fireman, his run being between Sandusky and Dayton. Three years' faithful service in that position won him promotion to the position of engineer on the same route. He

acted in that capacity for three years, after which he spent a similar period as locomotive engineer between Cincinnati and Dayton on the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad. On his retirement from railroad service in 1875 he turned his attention to the transfer and storage business in Dayton, in which he was actively engaged until 1880, when he was appointed chief of the fire department, serving continuously until 1907. He was called to the position at the time of the organization of the present board of fire commissioners and the development of the fire system of Dayton is largely attributable to the efforts of Daniel C. Larkin. When he took charge in 1880 the department had eleven horses and six hose reels, a hook and ladder truck, thirty-five alarm boxes and six engine houses, three of which, however, were unfit for the service. As the years passed, through Mr. Larkin's efforts all the modern appliances and equipments of fire engines were introduced and the system was improved in every particular. As the fire chief Mr. Larkin displayed the utmost skill, ability and courage, keeping cool in times of danger and excitement, so that he was able to direct his forces to the best possible advantage. His work was indeed of great benefit to the community and after twenty-seven years' faithful service Mr. Larkin retired from the position as he had entered it—with the confidence, respect and good will of all concerned. The work which he did in improving the Dayton fire department won for him much more than local renown. He was honored with the position of treasurer of the International Fire Chiefs' Association for twenty years and still is treasurer, and in 1895 was made president of the Fire Chiefs' Association of Ohio. He was likewise a member of the Great Britain Fire Brigade Union, was president of the Firemen's Benevolent Society and secretary of the Firemen's Relief Fund.

Daniel C. Larkin also became a member of Iola Lodge, No. 83, K. P., and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Both he and his wife are members of St. Joseph's Catholic church. He was married May 26, 1875, to Hannah A. Hartnett, of Dayton, a daughter of Maurice and Julia (Hern) Hartnett, who were natives of Ireland. Mrs. Larkin was born in Dayton, January 10, 1856, and by her marriage became the mother of twelve children, of whom four died in early childhood. Maurice D., Thomas, John, Alice, Helen, Francis, Daniel C., Jr., and Ruth are living.

Maurice D. Larkin was a pupil in the public schools of Dayton and later entered the Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., from which he was graduated in the class of 1898. Returning to his native city at the age of twenty-two years, he became identified with its business interests, organizing the Larkin Manufacturing Company for the manufacture of fire department supplies. This line of business followed as a logical sequence of his early interests and experiences, for his father was chief of the Dayton fire department and he naturally gained much knowledge concerning the equipment of the department. Realizing the needs in this direction, he began manufacturing along those lines and has conducted the business with growing success to the present time. In addition to the Larkin Manufacturing Company, in March, 1907, he organized and incorporated the M. D. Larkin Supply Company. The output of both businesses is now extensive and is being increased to meet the growing demands of the trade.

On the 1st of February, 1905, Mr. Larkin was married in Dayton to Miss Eva Harvey and they have one son, Maurice D. Jr. Mr. Larkin gives his political support to the republican party at the polls but is not active in its ranks. He is a communicant of the Catholic church, while his social relations are with the Dayton Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is well known in Dayton, where the thirty-three years of his life have been passed and where his substantial qualities in business and citizenship have won him high regard and good will.

JOSEPH GRAHAM CRANE SCHENCK.

Joseph Graham Crane Schenck, cashier of the National Cash Register Company of Dayton, was born in Han Chow, China, in 1872, a son of Woodhull S. Schenck, a nephew of the late General Robert C. Schenck and an officer in the Chinese customs, who during his stay in the orient was located at Han Chow, Canton and Shanghai, China. In 1881 he started on his homeward way but was ill at the time and could proceed no further than San Francisco, where he passed away.

Joseph G. C. Schenck was then a lad of nine years. He came with his widowed mother to Dayton and, entering school in this city, continued his studies through successive grades until he was graduated from the high school. On the expiration of that period, in 1889, he entered the employ of the Dayton Gas & Coke Company, with which he continued for two years, there receiving his first business training. Since 1891 he has been continuously connected with the National Cash Register Company, in that year being made cashier, in which capacity he has since served. The head officers regard him as a prominent representative of the worthy corps of assistants with whom they have surrounded themselves in the control and management of what is today one of the most extensive and best known industrial enterprises in the country.

Mr. Schenck votes with the republican party but is not active in its ranks. His social nature finds expression in his membership in the Dayton City Club, the Country Club and the Buz Fuz Club, while his interest in the religious progress of the city is manifest in his membership in the First Presbyterian church.

GEORGE GOODHUE, M. D.

There is no profession or line of business so little commercialized as is the practice of medicine. This statement finds verification particularly in the efforts of the physician to prevent disease and to promote health conditions through the dissemination of knowledge concerning the causes of ill health. In all of his professional connections Dr. Goodhue has held to a high standard and many tangible evidences of his effective work are cited, not only in connection with his private practice but also through his service as health officer of Dayton and as one of the trustees of Miami Valley Hospital.

A native of Westminster, Vermont, Dr. Goodhue was born on the 24th of May, 1853, and is of English lineage, tracing his ancestry back to William Goodhue, whose descendants are now found in this county in the eighth generation. His parents were Horace and Clarissa (Braley) Goodhue, who spent their entire lives in the Green Mountain state. Their family numbered nine children of whom three sons survive. Horace Goodhue is professor of Greek in Carleton College of Minnesota, and Harlan is living on a farm in Vermont.

Dr. Goodue, the youngest of the family, and the only one living in Ohio, spent his youthful days on the home farm and pursued a district-school education to the age of sixteen years, when he became a student in the preparatory department of Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota. His work there covered a three years' course and later he was for four years a student in Dartmouth College, being numbered among its alumni of 1876. His liberal education, enabled him to take up the profession of teaching as professor of Greek and Physics in Miami Valley College at Springboro, Ohio, where he remained for two years, but attracted by the profession of medicine, he began preparation for practice as a student in the office and under the direction of Dr. John Davis of Dayton, now deceased.

Subsequently he attended the College of Physicians & Surgeons in New York city but pursued his second course of medical lectures in the medical department of Dartmouth College, from which he was graduated in 1879. In March of the following year he was graduated from the medical department of the University of New York and for a year thereafter he was surgical interne in the Brooklyn City Hospital and also spent three months in the Manhattan Eye & Ear Hospital, thus gaining broad and varied experience as a preparation for the general practice of medicine.

He returned to Dayton and entered into partnership with Dr. John Davis, his former preceptor, the association being maintained until the death of Dr. Davis on the 10th of June, 1883. Later he was associated for two and a half years with the nephew of Dr. Davis but with that exception has been alone in practice to the present time. His ability is pronounced, his energy unflagging and in his chosen life work he has made a splendid record. He continues in the general practice and yet gives considerable attention to diseases of the eye and ear and to surgery, in which he displays notable skill.

Dr. Goodhue has at different times been surgeon of the Panhandle Railroad Company and all the different railroads entering Dayton. He was chosen surgeon of the Deaconess Hospital on its organization and is now a trustee of the Miami Valley Hospital, in which connection he has done more than any other individual to bring this institution to its present state of efficiency. In 1908 he was appointed health officer of Dayton and in that position did a work of great value to the city. He belongs to the Montgomery County Medical Society, of which he was elected president in 1890. He is also a member of the Ohio State Medical Association and was chairman of its surgical section in 1907-08. Aside from his practice Dr. Goodhue has had various business interests and is financially connected with a number of the leading commercial and industrial enterprises of the city.

In Terre Haute, Indiana, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Goodhue to Miss Rose E. Kendall, and they have an attractive home which is the center of a cultured social circle. They hold membership in the Protestant Episcopal church and Dr. Goodhue is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to Dayton Lodge, No. 147, F. & A. M., and Dayton Consistory and Mystic Shrine. Those who know him find him a social, genial gentleman, of broad and liberal culture outside of his profession and with a helpful interest in all that pertains to general progress.

MARTIN H. WOLF.

Martin H. Wolf, a retired agriculturist of Mad River township, resides on his valuable farm of fifty acres on the Brandt pike, about two and a half miles north of the courthouse. His birth occurred on his father's farm in Madison township on the 26th of December, 1842, his parents being John and Hettie (Helsel) Wolf. The paternal grandparents were Jacob and Eva Wolf and the grandfather, who came here from Virginia, was the first representative of the name in this county. His family numbered ten children, of whom John, the father of our subject, was the fifth in order of birth. He was born and reared on the ground now occupied by the Soldiers' Home and became a leading agriculturist and prominent and well known citizen in Dayton. He lived to attain the venerable age of ninety-two years and was laid to rest in Woodland cemetery. The record of his children is as follows: David, who is deceased; Jacob, who passed away in California in 1876; Elizabeth; Rebecca, whose demise occurred in 1882; Martin H., of this review; Zereldia; and Edward, who was called to his final rest in 1893.

Martin H. Wolf attended the schools of Harrison township in pursuit of an education that would fit him for the practical and responsible duties of life and when not busy with his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the home farm. Throughout the years of his active business career he was identified with agricultural interests and met with a large measure of prosperity in his undertakings, owing to his energy, untiring perseverance and capable management. He resides on his farm of about fifty acres, just on the edge of Dayton, but has put aside the active work of the fields in order that he may enjoy in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil. His residence is one of the finest in Mad River township, the dwelling being of pressed brick and containing ten rooms.

On the 12th of February, 1868, Mr. Wolf was united in marriage to Miss Hattie R. Keplinger, a daughter of William and Eliza (Nisley) Keplinger, of Montgomery county. They now have four children. Bert, who is connected with the paper novelty company in Dayton, wedded Miss Laura Green, by whom he has two children, Orville and Helen. Daniel, who married Miss Callie Winner, resides in Miamisburg. Wilbur, living at home, married Miss Edith Zalg and is identified with telephone interests. Alfred, who operates the home farm, wedded Miss Catharine McClelland.

In his political views Mr. Wolf is a republican and has capably served as a member of the school board. He and his family are valued members of the Methodist Episcopal church, in the work of which they are deeply and helpfully interested. He is a worthy representative of an honored pioneer family of this section of the state and, having remained in Montgomery county throughout his entire life, his record has been closely interwoven with its history for more than two-thirds of a century. In all of his dealings he has been thoroughly reliable and straightforward and his influence is at all times in favor of those movements, measures and beliefs which uplift and benefit humanity.

DANIEL W. ALLAMAN.

The attractiveness of Montgomery county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of his native sons have remained within her borders, believing her opportunities equal to if not superior to those found in other sections of the country. Born in Butler township, this county, on the 5th of August, 1861, Mr. Allaman since attaining his majority has become a representative of the legal fraternity in Dayton, in which connection he has done good work as an advocate and exponent of a high standard of professional ethics. His youthful days were passed in the home of his parents, David and Catharine (Zimmerman) Allaman, who removed from Franklin county, Pennsylvania, to Montgomery county, Ohio, in the early '40s, establishing their home in the neighborhood in which their son Daniel was born. There the mother passed away in January, 1863, when the son was but eighteen months old. The father, however, continued to reside on the old homestead until his death, which occurred in December, 1889, when he was seventy-five years of age. He was recognized as a progressive and enterprising farmer and also as a citizen of sterling worth, who filled a number of minor township offices, to which he was elected on the republican ticket. He was also one of the oldest Masons in Montgomery county.

Following his mother's death Daniel W. Allaman was reared in the home of an uncle, who lived on a farm near Brookville, Montgomery county. He supplemented his early education by a course in the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio, and afterward entered the Oberlin Business College, but in the meantime taught school for a number of terms, acting as principal of the schools at Johnsville and at Trotwood, Ohio. He regarded this, however, merely as an initial step to other professional labor, for it was his ambition to become a member of the bar and in 1886 he entered upon a course of reading in the law office of S. H. Carr. When he had mastered many of the principles of jurisprudence, enabling him to successfully pass the required examination, he was admitted to the bar in March, 1888, and has since been actively connected with litigated interests tried in the courts of Dayton. For a short time he practiced in partnership with F. M. Compton under the firm name of Compton & Allaman but during much of his professional career has been associated with his former preceptor, the firm of Carr, Allaman & Kennedy existing for some time. The zeal with which he has devoted his energies to his profession, the careful regard

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evinced for the interests of his clients and an assiduous and unrelaxing attention to all the details of his cases have brought him a large business and made him very successful in its conduct. His arguments have elicited warm commendation not only from his associates at the bar but also from the bench. He is a very able writer: his briefs always show wide research, careful thought and the best and strongest reasons which can be urged for his contention presented in cogent and logical form and illustrated by a style unusually lucid and clear.

In the year 1885 Mr. Allaman was married to Miss Iva Cupp, a daughter of Louis and Kate H. Cupp, both now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Allaman have two children, Mary Katherine and Mildred Louise. Mr. Allaman belongs to Garfield Club and is prominent in Masonry, holding membership with the lodge, the chapter and commandery, the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine. Aside from professional relations he is perhaps best known as one of the republican leaders of Montgomery county. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has given to the party his stalwart support and was one of the incorporators of the Garfield Club, in which he served as a director for a number of years. In 1891 he was elected to represent his district in the general assembly, being the first republican member from Montgomery county in fifteen years, with one exception. During his connection with the house he was secretary of the committee on finance and also served on the committee on public works. He has frequently been a delegate to state conventions, including that held in Columbus, March 3 and 4, 1908, and was a delegate to the republican national convention in Chicago, which nominated W. H. Taft for the presidency. He has also been a member of the republican state central committee since 1906. His interest in politics is that of a public-spirited citizen who is alive to the issues of the day and the trend of the times and who keeps abreast with the best thinking men of the age.

COLONEL ROBERT COWDEN.

Colonel Robert Cowden, known throughout the length and breadth of the land as a prominent Sunday school worker, representing the United Brethren in Christ, his position being that of general secretary of the Sunday school board, makes his home in Dayton. He was born May 24, 1833, in what is now Crawford but was then Richland county. He was twenty-eight years of age when, in response to the country's call for troops to subdue the rebellion in the south, he offered his services to the government, enlisting on the 9th of September, 1861, at Bucyrus, Ohio, as a member of Company B of the First United States Mechanic Fusileers under command of Captain James E. Marsh. This organization was rendezvoused in Camps Webb and Douglas at Chicago and Mr. Cowden was appointed corporal. Before his second detail for guard duty, however, he was made sergeant and went to Girard, Pennsylvania, to recruit men for his regiment. Successful in this undertaking, within two weeks he took fifty-six men to camp in Chicago and they were placed in Company H, commanded by Captain James Armstrong, Mr. Cowden being appointed first lieu-

tenant of the company in October, 1861. For a period of four months the regiment remained in camp at Chicago, engaged in daily drills but without being furnished arms. Then as the secretary of war refused to recognize the authority for raising a regiment of this character, and in order that the regiment might be regularly mustered out of service, its designation was changed to the Fifty-sixth Illinois Infantry and it was duly mustered out as such January 28, 1862.

Lieutenant Cowden's return to civil life covered but a brief period for on the following day he enlisted as a private in Battery I, First Regiment Light Artillery, under Captain Edward Bouton. For eighteen months he was with that command, during which time he was promoted through the ranks of corporal, sergeant and first sergeant to that of second lieutenant. He was then mustered out July 28, 1863, that he might accept promotion in another command. His former captain, Edward Bouton, who was afterward breveted brigadier general of volunteers, had been given power to raise a regiment of colored troops and in this regiment Lieutenant Cowden was commissioned major. The organization was first known as the First West Tennessee Infantry of African Descent, but later was known as the Fifty-ninth United States Colored Infantry. Major Cowden remained with that organization until May 18, 1864, when he was commissioned lieutenant colonel of the regiment to succeed R. E. Phillips, resigned, thus serving until January 31, 1866, his military service being then terminated by his being mustered out at Memphis, Tennessee. He had been in actual command of the regiment much of the time, the colonel had been assigned to the command of the brigade. While at the front Colonel Cowden participated in a number of hotly contested battles, taking part in the engagements at Shiloh and Russell House, Tennessee; Corinth and Guntown, Mississippi. At the last named he was wounded in the right hip by a sharp-shooter and his injuries for some time precluded his active participation in the movement of his regiment. Because of his wounds he was sent home in July, 1864, and in the following September rejoined his command, although he was still using crutches when he again went south. He was also an active participant in the siege of Vicksburg and in the campaign resulting in the capture of Jackson, Mississippi. He was a valiant officer, inspiring his men with much of his own zeal and courage, and at the same time was an excellent disciplinarian.

General Edward Bouton said of him: "Colonel Robert Cowden, of Dayton, Ohio, enlisted as a private soldier in my battery at Chicago at the beginning of the war of the Rebellion, and served over four years continuously under my command, the last two years and over commanding a regiment of infantry. Soon after his enlistment, observing his superior ability and worth, I appointed him orderly sergeant of the battery, which position he held at the battle of Shiloh, where he especially distinguished himself and gained further promotion. On Sunday, the 6th of April, 1862, our battery had done hard fighting and particularly distinguished itself, especially in what was described in the Chicago papers as the great artillery duel in front of Pittsburg Landing at the close of the day, in which we suffered severe losses, including Sergeant Tibbetts, who was so severely wounded as to cripple him for life, so that the next day I had to put Orderly Sergeant Cowden in charge of Tibbetts' gun. Towards noon

of that day, by direction of Major Taylor, General Sherman's chief of artillery, we took a very advanced position where we were subjected to a very severe cross-fire from the infantry constituting the enemy's reserve under General Breckenridge. When Major Taylor observed the error he had made in placing us in that position he ordered us to withdraw, but our losses in men and horses had been so severe that we were compelled to leave one gun behind, but not the one that Cowden had charge of. Having reached a more secure position I called for volunteers to go and bring off the abandoned gun. Sergeant Cowden was the first to respond to the call, and by a heroic effort succeeded in recovering the gun and bringing it off by hand over newly cultivated stumpy ground, made almost impassable by recent heavy rain. One of his men, Stephen Rexer, lifted so hard at the wheel of the gun that he ruptured himself severely and had to be discharged. In commending Sergeant Cowden to Governor Yates of Illinois for promotion to a lieutenancy in the battery I mentioned the Shiloh incident, and when his commission came there was boldly written across its face, 'For Merit at Pittsburg Landing.' At the desperate and bloody battle of Guntown, Mississippi, on June 10, 1864, where for a time we contended against nearly ten times our own numbers and lost half our men, Colonel Cowden handled his regiment with great skill, bravery and good judgment. Although engaged in hard, rough service, and separated from all restraining social and home influences, Colonel Cowden was a man of so gentle and refined a nature that in all the years that we were associated together I never heard him utter a single vulgar or profane word."

Almost continuously since his return from the war Colonel Cowden has been actively associated with Sunday school work, with which he has been continuously connected in an official capacity for a longer period than any other man now living. On the 16th of December, 1866, he was chosen president of the Sunday School Association of Jefferson township, Crawford county, Ohio, and six months later was elected secretary of the county association, in which capacity he served continuously for fifteen years. From June, 1871, until June, 1877, he was general secretary of the Ohio Sunday School Association, and in the latter year was made a member of the executive committee of the state association, with which he has ever since been associated in the same capacity. In 1894 he was chosen secretary of the teachers' training department of the Ohio association, remaining in that position for eleven years, or until 1905. No practical movement or plan for the benefit of the Sunday school or the extension and promotion of its work has failed to receive his attention and endorsement. From 1875 until 1890 he was the representative from the Ohio association on the international executive committee and for thirty-two years has been the general secretary of the Sunday school board of the United Brethren in Christ. He was a member of the international Sunday school convention of 1872, which adopted the plan of international lessons, and he has since attended all of the international conventions and all of the world's conventions with two exceptions.

One well acquainted with him says: "Among the many great men whom the state of Ohio has produced, none stand higher as a Sunday school worker than Colonel Robert Cowden, of the church of the United Brethren in Christ. In fact it is a question if any stand so high in this regard. As a conductor of

institutes, a lecturer on his favorite themes before great conventions, as an apt expounder of the Scriptures and as an instructor of Sunday-school officers, teachers and classes, he has few equals and perhaps no superiors. Colonel Cowden has devoted his entire time to this work for many years, being all that time the general Sunday-school secretary of his church, and for forty-two years a prominent member of the Ohio state Sunday School Association; and to his tireless efforts and enthusiasm, traveling, lecturing, conducting institutes and addressing conferences of his church, from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the gulf away up into Canada, is chiefly due the vigorous life of the Sunday school work of today in the United Brethren denomination, its thorough organization and the effective work that it is doing. By his rare ability, intelligent generalship and tireless effort, he has made a record that is imperishable and set at work forces that will bless coming generations for untold years."

While the Sunday school work has largely occupied the time and efforts of Colonel Cowden, in his earlier years he largely depended upon his labors in other directions for his support. At the age of sixteen years he was apprenticed to a carpenter and from that time until he reached the age of forty years he was connected with building operations through the summer months and in the winter seasons engaged in teaching school. His life has always been characterized by unfaltering industry, unwearied energy and unswerving purpose, but as these have been directed in the line of attainment of great good for the young people of the land, his life work has been of inestimable value, not only to the church but also in a broader sense to the country, in promoting such characteristics of manhood as constitute good citizenship.

Colonel Cowden has been married twice. He first wedded Miss Lydia Tabitha Miller and unto them were born five children: Daniel Webster, John C. Milton, Aretas P. Eugene, Jacob K. and Zoe Estelle May. The third son died in infancy. The eldest married Miss Rosa E. Ruhl and is now vice president and general manager of the H. D. Lee Mercantile Company in Salina, Kansas, with which business enterprise his sons, George Robert and Jay Rule, are also connected. J. C. Milton Cowden married Miss Alice B. Wood, of Cleveland, Ohio, and is a resident of Dayton. Jacob is connected with ranch interests near Newcastle, Colorado, and the only daughter of the family became the wife of Frank L. Chipperfield, of Nebraska, and died February 27, 1905. Having lost by death his first wife Colonel Cowden afterward married Mrs. Joanna McGinnis.

In his political views Colonel Cowden has always been a republican and from 1878 until 1882 was postmaster at Galion, Ohio. He has, however, never participated to any great extent in political affairs, yet regards it his duty as well as the privilege of citizenship to support the men and measures whereby the best good to the community, state and nation will be advanced. On the 1st of June, 1892, he was elected a member of Ohio Commandery of the Loyal Legion and is also a member of Old Guard Post, No. 23, G. A. R., of Dayton. Centuries ago a Psalmist said: "Train a child up in the way he should go and even when he is old he will not depart from it." The wisdom thus uttered has been recognized to some extent through all the intervening ages but there has been no period in the world's history when the people are so thoroughly aroused to

the need and value of religious instruction through the medium of the Sunday school as at the present time; no era in which the work has been so completely organized and the teachers so thoroughly trained. Colonel Cowden has been most active in this movement toward the development of a Christian citizenship, wherein lies the hope of the stability of the nation. He entered simultaneously on the seventy-seventh year of his life and the thirty-third year of ministry as general secretary of the Sunday school board of his denomination on the 24th of May, 1909.

THOMAS BENTON MINNICH.

Thomas Benton Minnich is now living retired in Dayton after active connection with official and business interests wherein his well directed efforts brought him substantial success. His birth occurred on a farm in Clark county, Ohio, near Springfield, in 1843, and there he was reared to the age of fifteen years. He represents an old American family. His paternal grandfather, Peter Minnich, was born in Virginia in 1793 and came to Ohio in early manhood, settling in Clark county, where he resided up to the time of his death, which occurred in December, 1842. He was a farmer by occupation, following that pursuit at a time when tilling the soil in Ohio was a most arduous task. The only interruption to his business activity came at the time of the war of 1812, when he enlisted in defense of American interests. His son, Arthur Minnich, the father of Thomas B. Minnich, was born in Clark county in 1819 and was there reared amid the wild scenes of frontier life. He, too, followed the occupation of farming and was married in Clark county, Ohio, in 1841, to Miss Sarah Flick. Two children were born unto them: Mary, who died at the age of fifteen years; and Thomas B.

The latter was in his infancy when his father died in 1843 and he was reared by his maternal grandfather, William Flick, spending his youth on a farm in Clark county, Ohio, where he early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His early education was acquired in the old Black Horse school in Pike township, Clark county, and later he had the benefit of a year's instruction in Linden Hill Academy at New Carlisle, Ohio. Subsequently he engaged in teaching for a year or two and then continued his own education in the Southwestern Normal at Lebanon, Ohio. Later he again took up the profession of teaching, which he followed in Montgomery, Clark and Miami counties, being thus connected with educational work until 1884, his last term being in the Shearer school in Wayne township, Montgomery county. In that year he came to Dayton and entered the office of the treasurer of Montgomery county in the capacity of cashier, serving under two treasurers, or from 1884 until 1892. In the latter year he succeeded Frank T. Huffman in the capacity of county treasurer and filled this office until September, 1894. In that year he took up his abode at his country home at Sulphur Grove, Montgomery county, where he resided until 1898, when he again entered the county treasurer's office as cashier, serving as such for four years or until 1902. He then returned to his

home at Sulphur Grove, where he was identified with farming pursuits until 1907, since which time he has lived retired in Dayton, deriving from his property and investments a substantial income.

Mr. Minnich was married in Clark county, Ohio, in 1876, to Miss Clara S. Croft, who died in 1897. He belongs to the Masonic lodge, with which he has been identified since 1868, and gives his political allegiance to the democracy. He has had considerable influence in local political circles and has ever been known as a reliable citizen and trustworthy official, while in every relation of life his substantial qualities are such as have won for him the confidence and regard of those with whom he has been associated.

HENRY KLEY.

Henry Kley, of Mad River township, is known as one of the largest gardeners in the vicinity of Dayton, Ohio, for his twenty-six acre farm of fine land is used exclusively for growing truck produce. All the fruit of his labors is sold in this city and much of it at No. 4 Central Market, where Mr. Kley has his stand. His father, also named Henry Kley, was the oldest gardener in this part of the county and one of the best known. He and his father, Antonio Kley, came to this country together from Saxony, and located in this county when it was still in the early stages of its development, for they had to clear all their own land. The elder Henry Kley had learned the mechanic's trade, but after his arrival in this part of the state he forsook it to go into gardening. To this latter pursuit he devoted all his time, and with admirable success, for the produce from his fields was widely known for its excellence. He was married twice—the first time to Miss Mary Swartz, the second to Miss Rebecca Gilbert, who was the mother of the Henry Kley of this sketch. There were seven children born of these marriages: Mary, George, John, William, Elizabeth, Henry and Katie.

Henry Kley, Jr., was born on the farm on the 21st of March, 1869, and has always lived in this county. From the public schools here he received all that they had to give him in the way of education, but during all his period of training he helped his father on the farm, as do many boys who are reared close to the soil. After a time he assumed full charge of his father's work, for he has ever been the head of the Kley family The guidance of the older man was a valuable thing and assisted him in reaching that position he holds among the gardeners of this locality.

On the 3d of May, 1894, Mr. Kley was united in marriage to Miss Mary Bradmeyer, daughter of August and Minnie (Zimmerneicht) Bradmeyer. August Bradmeyer was a farmer and like his wife was a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Kley's union has been blessed by three children: Ermy, Harry and Florence, who are all of school age. The family belongs to the Third Street Lutheran church and is known among the congregation as one that takes an active interest in all church work.

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That same ability and power that made Henry Kley the head of his family—his industry, his perseverance and his good management and grasp of the importance of details has made it possible not only to win such excellent returns from the soil but also to conduct his business so that he is amply repaid for his labor. His good fortune has been obtained through his own efforts and so brings with it no bitterness that another has suffered for his prosperity. Mr. Kley is a highly respected citizen and has the good will of all his neighbors.

JEROME J. STOUT, M. D.

Dr. Jerome J. Stout, with broad understanding of the scientific principles that underlie the practice of medicine, has in his professional career made steady progress and although one of the younger representatives of the medical fraternity in Dayton, is accorded a practice which many an older physician might well envy. A native of Ohio, he was born on a farm in Athens county, January 13, 1877, and represents one of the old families of the state, established here in the first quarter of the nineteenth century. His grandfather, George Stout, was a native of Pennsylvania, while the father, Cyrenus Stout, was born in Athens county, Ohio, in the year 1821. He was reared to agricultural pursuits and made the occupation of farming his life work, owning and cultivating a good tract of land in the county of his nativity. His life record covered seventy-seven years, his death occurring in 1898.

As a farm boy Dr. Stout was reared, attending the country schools in his early youth, while the work of plowing, planting and harvesting largely engaged his attention through the spring and summer months. Ambitious to enjoy more advanced educational opportunities, he entered the Ohio Normal at Ada, Ohio, where he pursued his more specifically literary education, and then with broad general knowledge to serve as the foundation for the superstructure of professional learning, he entered the Ohio Medical University at Columbus, now known as the Starling Ohio Medical College. There he pursued his full course until 1902, when he was graduated and immediately afterward located for practice in Athens county, Ohio, where he remained for three years. He then sought the broader opportunities of the city and in 1905 came to Dayton, where he has practiced continuously since. His ability has won recognition not only from the public but also from the profession and in addition to a gratifying private practice he is now acting as medical inspector of the Patterson and Rubicon public schools. His office and residence are at 921 South Brown street.

In 1905 Dr. Stout was married in Athens county, Ohio, to Miss Josephine Caldwell and they have two children, Alfred Evan and Winifred. While Dr. Stout does not take an active part in campaign work or labor for the success of the candidates of the party, he gives his support at the polls to the republican organization. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Independent Order of Redmen, and he attends the United Presbyterian church. His connection in professional lines is with the Montgomery County Medical Society, the

Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He thus keeps abreast with what the profession is doing in lines of progress and is regarded in Dayton as a capable physician, conscientious and faithful in the discharge of his professional duties.

SAMUEL WELLER.

Samuel Weller, widely known in business circles of Dayton as the senior partner of the firm of Weller & McClure, real-estate dealers with offices in the Davies building, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, December 27, 1849. The family has long been established in America. The paternal grandfather, John Weller, was a native of New Jersey and a farmer by occupation. He became one of the early settlers of Montgomery county, Ohio, traveling westward by wagon before the era of railroad transportation. He died near Centerville, Ohio, at an advanced age while his wife also reached an old age. They had a large family including William Weller who was born in Ohio, was reared to the occupation of farming and always carried on general agricultural pursuits near Centerville, continuing in that business until his life's labors were ended in death. He owned a farm of one hundred and forty acres which he improved and he also owned considerable other land. He married Miss Martha Young, also a native of Ohio, her parents having been early settlers of the southern part of Montgomery county. A number of the younger brothers settled there, accumulated considerable land and did much toward the development of the county. Unto William and Martha (Young) Weller were born four children: Sarah, now the wife of L. D. Vincent; Mary A., the wife of Samuel Walton; Samuel of this review; and Carrie E., the wife of Swayne T. Barrett. The father died on the old homestead farm at the age of sixty-six years and the mother still survives. He was a member of the Baptist church and Mrs. Weller also belonged to the same church and has lived an earnest, consistent Christian life.

Samuel Weller was reared as a farmer boy, remaining on the old homestead until fourteen years of age, during which time he began his education as a pupil in the district schools. He afterward attended the Southwestern Normal School at Lebanon and later pursued a course in the A. D. Wilt Commercial College. Having thus qualified for the demands made upon one in the business world, he accepted a position as clerk in a dry-goods store where he was employed for several years. He thoroughly acquainted himself with the trade and, prompted by laudable ambition, he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to own an interest in a dry-goods store. He then formed a partnership with W. H. Layton under the firm name of Weller & Layton, which association was continued with mutual pleasure and profit for seven years. On the expiration of that period the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Weller selling out to Mr. Layton, after which he opened a new dry-goods store in partnership with H. S. Doxsey under the firm name of Weller & Doxsey. They were together for ten years, at the end of which time Mr. Weller sold his interest to Mr. Doxsey. He then entered the real estate field in connection with J. A.

McClure, his present partner, and they have offices in the Davies building. Mr. Weller has made it his purpose to thoroughly acquaint himself with the realty market and valuations and since taking up his present line of business has handled much important property and negotiated many notable real estate transfers. Personally he owns an interest in the old homestead together with other farm lands and city property.

On the 7th of October, 1879, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Weller and Miss Nellie Schaeffer, a daughter of Valentine and Mary (Auchey) Schaeffer. They reside at No. 141 Salem avenue where Mr. Weller owns a fine home. They are both faithful members of the Methodist church and in his political views Mr. Weller is a republican. Keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day he is able to support his position by intelligent arguments and yet he does not seek political preferment. His interests center in his business and in his home and in the former he is making steady progress along the lines leading to gratifying and substantial success.

OLIVER I. GUNCKEL.

Oliver I. Gunckel has since 1881 been secretary of the Columbia Insurance Company of Dayton and throughout his entire business career has been a representative of fire insurance interests, in which connection he has made continuous progress until his substantial success places him with the men of affluence in Dayton. He was born in Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1846 and represents one of the old pioneer families of this section of the state, his great-grandfather, Judge Philip Gunckel, having located in Germantown on his removal from Pennsylvania in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He was one of the first associate judges of Montgomery county and was closely connected with the pioneer development and early progress of this part of the state. His son, Colonel Michael S. Gunckel, the grandfather, was reared in Germantown and was also a factor in public affairs as well as in business activity. He served as a colonel in the war of 1812, commanding a regiment of American troops that did valiant service for the interests of the country. He was also at one time a member of the Ohio legislature.

George W. Gunckel, the father of Oliver I. Gunckel, was born in Germantown, Ohio, in 1821 and still resides there at the venerable age of eighty-seven years. He was in the banking and tobacco business there for a long period, his enterprise, activity and industry being salient factors in the development and growth of the town. He married Miss Julia Ann Ayers, of Germantown, who died in 1903 at the age of eighty-two years. They had a family of six children, of whom five are living: Oliver I.; Maria G., wife of George B. Tebbs, of Harrison, Ohio: Ella G., the wife of Cornelius S. Grimes, of Germantown; Elizabeth G., the wife of Rev. W. A. Deaton, a Methodist minister; and Donna G., wife of Albert Scherzer, of Chicago, Illinois. The second son, Charles W., is deceased.

For seventeen years Oliver I. Gunckel remained a resident of his native town and there attended the public schools. He then responded to the country's call

for troops, enlisting in 1864 as a member of the Signal Corps of the United States army. He served to the close of the war, being mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1865. He was with Sherman from Chattanooga to Atlanta and on to the sea and afterward participated in the campaign through the Carolinas to Richmond and on to Washington, D. C., where he took part in the grand review, the most celebrated military pageant ever seen on the western hemisphere. He was slightly wounded in the right knee on the second day's march from Atlanta and was under fire many times but never faltered in the performance of his military duty.

When the war was over Mr. Gunckel returned to Dayton and took up the fire insurance business, in which he has since been engaged, his executive ability and undaunted courage being the cause of his continuous progress in this direction. In 1881 the Columbia Insurance Company was organized with Mr. Gunckel as secretary and in this position he has continued to the present time. He has carefully systematized the work of his office, has continually wrought along lines for the growth and expansion of the business and through his indefatigable energy has contributed in large measure to its success. He is the vice president of the Dayton Gas Light & Coke Company and is regarded as a progressive and representative business man, possessing the qualities essential for success in commercial lines.

On the 10th of October, 1872, in Middletown, Ohio, Mr. Gunckel was married to Miss Hattie Sutphin and they are now parents of two sons and a daughter: Dr. Joseph S. Gunckel, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Dr. George I. Gunckel, a dental surgeon of the United States army; and Julia O.

Mr. Gunckel attends the Presbyterian church and is a member of the Old Guard Post, G. A. R., of Dayton, thus maintaining pleasant relations with his old army comrades. In Masonry he has attained the degrees of the commandery and of the consistory and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he was an alternate at large to the Chicago convention which nominated W. H. Taft in 1908. He comes of a family long considered a representative one in Montgomery county and his life has been in harmony with the untarnished family record, for at all times he has been loyal to the best interests of the community, while in his private business affairs he has manifested qualities that ever command respect and inspire confidence.

JOHN CALVIN BRIGHT.

Among the native sons of Montgomery county who throughout life have been identified with its agricultural interests is John C. Bright, of Madison township, who owns and cultivates fifty-six acres of fine farm land on the township road about five miles from Trotwood. He has also given much of his life to the work of the church and is now a minister of the church of the Brethren in his township.

He was born October 26, 1851, and is a son of Isaac and Sarah (Rife) Bright. The paternal grandparents were Peter L. and Magdaline (Bowman) Bright. The ancestral history is traced back through various generations to Michael Bright, who came from Germany and was the founder of the family in the United States. He was born in 1706 and died in 1794. Some of his children were soldiers of the American army and in the Revolutionary war, one of his sons attaining the rank of general. Another of his sons furnished supplies to Washington's army at Valley Forge. The line of descent from Michael Bright is traced down through Jacob Bright, who was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1729, made his home during the greater part of his life in Lancaster county, that state, and passed away in 1802. George Bright, the next in line of direct descent, spent his entire life in Virginia. He was the father of Peter L. Bright, whose youthful days were passed in the Shenandoah valley and who arrived in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1828. Here he took up a tract of land and began the development of a farm, devoting his remaining days to general agricultural pursuits. He married Magdaline Bowman and among their children was Isaac Bright, who in the year 1828 was brought to Montgomery county from Virginia, his native state, the family settling on what was known as the old Ben Metzger farm. Isaac was reared to the work of tilling the soil, which he followed to a greater or less extent throughout his entire life. He also became a minister of the conservative branch of the Dunker church and for forty years was connected with the ministry. He was a very prominent and influential resident of this part of the county, leaving the impress of his individuality for good upon its development and upbuilding. He died in 1889 and his grave was made in the Bear Creek cemetery.

John Calvin Bright, a son of Isaac and Sarah (Rife) Bright, spent his youthful days under the parental roof and after acquiring his early education in the Madison township schools he engaged in teaching school for about twenty-two years. He was also one of the ministers of the church of the Brethren of this section of the county, his life being devoted to the task of making the world better as well as of attaining success in a material way.

On the 28th of November, 1875, Mr. Bright was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Garber, a daughter of Elder Samuel and Lydia (Heeter) Garber. Her death occurred July 1, 1878. There was but one child of that marriage, Florence, now deceased. After losing his first wife Mr. Bright wedded Miss Elizabeth Heistand, a daughter of Henry and Catharine (Kreitzer) Heistand. In 1909 Mr. Bright was again called upon to mourn the loss of his wife who passed away on the 24th of February. She held membership in the church of the Brethren and was beloved by all who knew her for she was a lady of many Christian graces and of kindly and benevolent spirit. She was the mother of eight children, six of whom are yet living. Jacob H., who at present is attending school in Chicago, has taught school in Montgomery county and is a graduate of Juniata College, Pennsylvania. He is also a minister of the church of the Brethren and he married Minnie Flory, by whom he has one child, Esther. Isaac Benter, who is a graduate of the Trotwood high school and of Welts college at Dayton, is also engaged in teaching school at the present time. He wed-

ded Alice Lentz and they have one son, John Russell. Ida Catharine, the next of the family, is a graduate of the Trotwood high school and lives at home, having taken charge of the household affairs since the death of the mother. Mary A. is a student in the Steele high school. John D. and Lydia E., twins, are still in school. Jesse M. and Martha Cassandra are both deceased.

Mr. Bright carries on general farming and in addition to cultivating the fields also raises some stock. He has given much of his time, however, to the work of the church and has been moderator and secretary of the district conferences of southern Ohio on various occasions from 1893 to the present time. He has also been a delegate on the general committee to the general conference from 1898 until 1908 and is now acting as minister of the church of the Brethren of Madison and Perry townships. He stands for high ideals in all those things which make up the sum total of human existence and his energy and influence in the work of the church have made his efforts a most potent factor for the moral progress of the community.

OSCAR F. DAVISSON.

There is usually nothing spectacular in the career of the lawyer for advancement at the bar depends upon patient, persevering effort, the attainment of comprehensive knowledge of legal principles and of unwearied devotion to the interests of the client. Investigation into the life work of Mr. Davisson shows that he is richly endowed with all of these qualities and thus he has won for himself an enviable position among the practitioners of law in Montgomery county.

His birth occurred June 12, 1851, in Preble county, Ohio, his parents being Josiah and Hannah (Foos) Davisson. In the paternal line he is descended from an old Virginian family, while in the maternal line he comes of Pennsylvanian ancestry. Josiah Davisson, his grandfather, after liberating a large number of slaves which he owned in Virginia, came to Ohio in 1812 and cast in his lot with the pioneer settlers of Preble county. When the colonists attempted to throw off the yoke of British oppression he joined the American army and the valor which he displayed upon the field of battle led to his later appointment as sheriff of Rockingham county, Virginia, which then comprised of all what is now the state of West Virginia, his appointment coming to him from Patrick Henry, who was then governor of the Old Dominion. He became a forceful and influential factor in the early development and progress of Preble county, where he remained until his death September 9, 1825, in his eighty-first year. The Foos family was also established in Preble county during the early part of the nineteenth century. Jacob Foos, the grandfather of Oscar F. Davisson, was born in Pennsylvania and at one time owned a farm near what is now beautiful Fairmount park in Philadelphia. He, too, fought for liberty, serving as an artilleryman in the Revolutionary war. In the second decade of the nineteenth century he sought a home in Ohio and after living for some years in Warren county removed to Preble county in 1822, there passing away August 7, 1842, in his sixty-first year.

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Josiah Davisson, father of Oscar F. Davisson, was a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, and accompanied his parents upon their removal to Ohio in 1812. He was identified with the early development of the county as the white settlers reclaimed it from the domain of the savages, and as the years passed he continued an influential factor in public affairs, serving as justice of the peace for more than thirty years, while in other ways he contributed to the legal status and general upbuilding of the community. In early manhood he wedded Hannah Foos, who was born near Waynesville, Warren county, Ohio, February 13, 1819, and was in her third year when her parents removed to Preble county. The marriage was celebrated May 12, 1846, and was blessed with three sons and two daughters: Francis M., Amelia E. and Sarah A., who are residents of Preble county; Oscar F. and Dr. E. C. Davisson, of Dayton. The father died in 1863 and the mother, surviving him for almost a third of a century, passed away July 15, 1896, at the advanced age of seventy-seven years. She was a lady of strong character, particularly active in the support of needed reforms and improvements for the benefit of mankind. She possessed marked executive ability, was a wise counselor and a generous and helpful friend to the poor. Her ability and kindly spirit made her one of the best known women in Preble county and she was loved by all with whom she came in contact.

No event of especial importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Oscar F. Davisson in his boyhood and youth. His time was divided between the work of the fields and the duties of the schoolroom and he supplemented his early educational advantages by study in the National Normal at Lebanon, Ohio, which he entered in 1870, completing a course by graduation in 1874. Upon the foundation of a broad literary knowledge he erected the superstructure of professional learning by devoting the following year to the study of law in the University of Michigan. In 1875 he came to Dayton and was a law student in the office of Gunckel & Rowe until his admission to the bar January 2, 1877. He received further practical training as assistant in that law office until the June following his admission when he opened an office and entered upon an independent professional career. His work is characterized by a thorough understanding of intricate legal problems and he prepares so thoroughly for the work of the courts that every point is guarded from the possible attack of his opponent and at the same time he studies closely to find the most vulnerable point in the armor of his adversary. From the beginning his practice has increased in volume and importance and in the great majority of the cases he has tried he has met with success, winning favorable verdicts for his clients. For many years he has devoted his time principally to corporation law, the bulk of his practice being along this line, and his clients are among the largest corporations in Ohio.

On the 18th of June, 1889, in Dayton, Mr. Davisson was united in marriage to Miss Jessie M. Leach, a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Richard T. and Mary Ann Leach. Mr. and Mrs. Davisson now have two sons and one daughter: Richard, who graduated from Hotchkiss Preparatory School and entered Yale in 1909; Marian, and Oscar Fulton, Jr., both at home.

Mr. Davisson, while without political ambition for himself, keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is a republican. He is in thorough sympathy with the beneficent spirit of Masonry and has attained the

Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. Any movement for the improvement and benefit of the community receives his endorsement and cooperation and he is ranked as a valued public-spirited citizen as well as an able lawyer.

WILLIAM H. MANNING, M. D.

Dr. Manning, who rendered important professional aid to the Union during the dark days of the Civil war and later became a prominent representative of industrial and commercial interests in Ohio and Indiana, is now living retired in Dayton, his previous success making possible his rest from further labor. He was born in Uniontown, Muskingum county, Ohio, July 27, 1841, and there resided until 1856, when he went to Van Buren county, Iowa, and taught school for three years. Subsequently he returned to Jefferson county, Ohio, where he continued his education, and while pursuing his literary studies he also took up the study of medicine.

Dr. Manning was not yet twenty-one years of age when, in May, 1862, he responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting as a member of Company F, Twenty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served with his regiment until August of that year, when he became ill with typhoid fever in Virginia and was sent to a hospital in Washington, D. C., where he remained for three months. It being discovered that he knew something of medicine, he was detailed for duty as a druggist in the Union Hotel Hospital, where he had been a patient. In December, 1862, he was mustered out of the volunteer service and enlisted in the regular army as a hospital steward, being assigned to duty in the Patent Office Hospital in Washington, D. C., where he was placed in charge of the dispensary. When that hospital was closed in March, 1863, he was sent to Hampton, Virginia, and given charge of the dispensary at the United States General Hospital, which at one time took care of over sixty-five hundred seriously wounded soldiers. Dr. Manning was highly complimented on his efficiency by the military historian, J. C. C. Abbott, in Harper's Weekly in the summer of 1864. He remained in charge of the dispensary of the United States Hospital of Hampton, Virginia, until August, 1865, when, the war having ended, he resigned and entered the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, being graduated from the medical department with the class of 1867.

In that year Dr. Manning located at Miamisburg, Ohio, where he entered upon the active practice of medicine, but after a few years became identified with industrial interests, recognizing and utilizing the opportunity for successful activity in that line. In 1871 he organized and assisted in building the Miami Valley paper mills in Miamisburg and was manager for twelve years, during which time the enterprise was conducted along profitable and constantly expanding lines. Disposing of his interest in Miamisburg, Dr. Manning became general manager of the car works at Lima, Ohio, and so continued for five years in that position. Later he erected the Knife & Bar Works at Anderson, Indiana,

and operated the plant from 1888 until 1893, the enterprise having a large output, so that his financial resources were continuously augmented.

In Miamisburg, on the 2d of January, 1868, Dr. Manning was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Shultz, a daughter of Hon. Emanuel E. Shultz, and to them were born two children: Guy E., who is a first lieutenant in the United States Army, now stationed in the Philippines; and Dorothy M., the wife of George E. Matthews, an architect of New York city. The Doctor and his wife enjoy good health and take much pleasure in their beautiful home at 332 West First street, Dayton.

Dr. Manning has always taken an active interest in civic affairs and has served the public in various capacities in which his capability has been supplemented by the utmost fidelity. He has acted as a trustee of the State Insane Hospital at Dayton and in 1900 he was chosen a presidential elector on the republican ticket. He is a long-time member of the Masonic fraternity and has been a Knight Templar since 1869. Prominent in military organizations, he belongs to Old Guard Post, No. 23, G. A. R., of Dayton, and to the Union Veteran Legion. In 1903 he was elected national commander of the Union Veteran Legion and was reelected in 1904, being the second person so honored in the history of the organization. He is an intellectual, entertaining gentleman, with a kind heart and a hand ever ready to assist those in need. He has a host of warm friends, not only in Dayton but wherever he is known, his substantial qualities having gained him the honor and respect of all with whom he has been brought in contact.

JOHN C. EBERHARDT.

John C. Eberhardt, an optometrist, whose standing in his profession is indicated by the fact that in 1903 he was honored with the presidency of the American Federation of Optical Societies, was born in Thuringia, Prussia, May 11, 1857. His grandfather was Heinrich Eberhardt, also a native of Thuringia, Prussia. His father, Gottlieb W. Eberhardt, was born in that country in 1820 and became a mechanical engineer. In 1851 he was married at his old home to Miss Johanna Herbschleb, who was born in 1833. They came to the United States in 1866, locating in Dayton, where Mr. Eberhardt spent his remaining days, his death occurring in 1895. He was a close friend and classmate of John G. Roebling, the renowned bridge builder. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb W. Eberhardt were born six children: Amalia, the wife of Christopher Hauschild; Emma, the wife of Jacob Schaeffer; Elizabeth, who married Franz Recke; Charles F.; John C.; and Gottfried W. The mother died September 15, 1891.

The youthful days of John C. Eberhardt were passed in his native land until 1866, when he was brought by his parents to America, the family home being established in Dayton. Here he attended school, continuing his studies until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he entered the manufacturing jewelry establishment of E. A. Mudge, now deceased. There he continued for four years learning the business, after which he took up the study of civil engineering and

when qualified for work of this character engaged in the government land and railway surveys in Colorado and New Mexico from 1878 until 1881. In the following year he was assistant city engineer of Pueblo, Colorado, but in the fall of 1882 returned to Dayton and entered the employ of Best & Son, jewelers of this city, with whom he continued until 1888.

In that year he became associated with J. W. Anderton, a jeweler, under the firm style of Anderton & Eberhardt, with whom he continued until 1900, when he withdrew from the firm to devote his entire time to optical practice, to which he now gives his attention exclusively. He is a man of pronounced ability in this direction and justly merited the honor that was conferred upon him when, in 1903, he was elected to the presidency of the American Federation of Optical Societies, which has a membership of four thousand. In 1902 he also served as president of the scientific section of this association.

On the 9th of July, 1885, Mr. Eberhardt was married in Dayton, to Miss Louise Frick and unto them have been born two children, Alma Louise and James Horace. In his fraternal relations Mr. Eberhardt is a Mason and has attained high rank in the order, having taken the York and the Scottish Rite degrees. He is a past commander of Reed Commandery, No. 6, K. T.; past deputy grand master of the Scottish Rite; and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Comus Club and to Christ Episcopal church, while his political allegiance is unfalteringly given to the republican party and since 1905 he has served as a member of the Dayton board of education, being elected to its presidency in 1906. He has always been greatly interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of his adopted land and has been most helpful in advancing municipal interests. In his business career he has made consecutive progress and with comprehensive knowledge of the scientific principles underlying his chosen profession he has gained high rank in his chosen field of labor.

ELWYN Z. HOFFMAN.

Elwyn Z. Hoffman, successfully carrying on general agricultural pursuits on his farm on section 17, Jefferson township, is also extensively engaged in stock-raising. It was in that township that his birth occurred on the 3d of September, 1869, his parents being Samuel and Eleanor (Getter) Hoffman. Jacob Hoffman, the paternal grandfather of our subject, came to this state from Pennsylvania. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hoffman were born three sons, as follows: Stanley, John and Elwyn.

The last named was reared amid the scenes and environments of rural life and has always made his home on a farm, devoting his time and energies to the work of the fields. He now operates a well improved and productive tract of land on section 17, Jefferson township, and in connection with the tilling of the soil and the raising of crops he is engaged in stock raising on quite an extensive scale, being a breeder of Duroc Jersey hogs. In all of his business affairs he is alert and enterprising, meeting with the measure of success which always rewards earnest, persistent and well directed labor.

On the 13th of August, 1896, Mr. Hoffman was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Kreitzer, a daughter of Manuel and Susan (Shroyer) Kreitzer. There is one child of this marriage, Everett H., born in June, 1899. The parents are devoted and faithful members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they are actively interested. Having spent his entire life in this county, Mr. Hoffman is well known and that he has ever merited the esteem and good will of his fellow-townsmen is indicated by his popularity, for he has a large circle of warm friends.

TRUMAN B. MILLS.

Among Montgomery county's native sons whose records have at all times been creditable to the community, is numbered Truman B. Mills of Brookville, who has at different times been identified with agricultural and banking interests but is now living retired. He has accomplished much by reason of well directed thrift and enterprise, by sound judgment and indefatigable energy and his history proves that success is ambition's answer.

He was born in Dayton, June 27, 1847, his parents being John and Sallie (Gest) Mills, who came to Montgomery county from New Jersey. The father devoted a number of years to the profession of school teaching and afterward turned his attention to the hardware business, also dealing in bar iron, etc. He was very prominent and influential in community affairs and has left the impress of his individuality upon the progress and upbuilding of the community. In 1840 he was elected to the office of county auditor and was reelected for each succeeding term until he had filled the position for six terms, or until 1852. The following year he took up his abode in Perry township and purchased a large farm near Brookville, successfully conducting it for a number of years. Later he was made cashier of the Beckel Bank and for two years remained in that position, after which he returned to the farm. In 1858 he was again called to public life in his election to the office of county sheriff, in which he served for one term. Subsequently he was made provost marshal for the third congressional district, which then included the territory now embraced within four counties, and filled this office until the close of the war. He then retired from active life and remained a resident of Dayton from 1858 until his death, which occurred in January, 1883. He was always loyal in his citizenship, progressive in his work and a stanch champion of any movement that promoted the public good. He survived his wife for only a brief period, her death occurring in August, 1882.

Truman P. Mills, whose name introduces this record, was educated in the public schools of Dayton, passing through consecutive grades until he became a high school student. In May, 1864, he responded to the country's call for troops, although not yet seventeen years of age, enlisting as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio National Guards. He was with that command in the ninety days' service, being assigned to garrison duty at Baltimore, Maryland. Following his return home he pursued a commercial course in the Miami Commercial College in 1865-66 and was then made deputy clerk of the

county, but after filling that position for a short time he resigned to look after his father's farming interests and has since been a factor in active business life.

In 1873 Mr. Mills was united in marriage to Miss Eliza J. Lewis, a daughter of Hiram and Jane Lewis and a native of Ohio. Her father was born in New York, while her mother was a native of Montgomery county. He was a nurseryman and resided in Dayton. Later he was connected with the Cooper Insurance Company of Dayton, where he made his home until called to his final rest in 1897.

As previously stated, Mr. Mills began farming in 1873 and was continuously connected with general agricultural pursuits until April, 1898, when he came to Brookville and organized the People's Bank, of which he was president for four years. When that institution was merged with the Farmers & Merchants' Bank he became president of the new institution for two years, so continuing until January, 1907, since which time he has lived retired. He is, however, the secretary and treasurer of the United Home Phone Company; the treasurer of the Brookville Bridge Works; director of the C. A. Worshing Improvement Company; and is connected with the Dayton View Improvement Company. While financially interested in these different concerns he does not take active part in their management but leaves that work to others while spending his days in the enjoyment of well earned and well merited rest.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Mills have been born five children, namely: Olive Bell, the wife of Charles R. Spitler, a resident merchant of Brookville; Nellie G., who is yet at home; Jennie W., who wedded Martin Riley, a farmer, and resides in Perry township; Ethel L., the wife of William H. Riley, a merchant of Lewisburg, Ohio; and Susie W., the wife of William Simmons, of Brookville, who is an agent for the Ohio Electric Railway Company.

The parents are consistent members of the Brookville Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Mills has been a trustee for ten years. He is also connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and his entire life has been actuated by high and honorable principles, being the exposition of his belief of what is right and just between man and his fellowmen. He was president of the school board in Perry township for many years.

ANNA BELLE SHOUP.

The name of Shoup has long been identified with the interests of Dayton and Ohio and in the paternal line the subject of this review is also a representative of an old pioneer family of the state, being the granddaughter of Samuel Tate, Sr., who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, in 1816. He had just been married there and with his bride started for the "far west." They started from a point near Uniontown, Pennsylvania, made their way down the Ohio river to Cincinnati and on horseback to Dayton. Here the young husband soon established a still on what is known as Tate Hill, which later became one of the leading distilleries of Ohio, its manufactured product being widely sold. Mr. Tate remained a resident of Dayton throughout the residue of his days, passing away at the vener-

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able age of eighty-three years. He had married Miss McCurty and unto them were born three sons and two daughters.

Joel O. Shoup, the father of Anna Belle, was born in Fredericksburg, Maryland, and in early life came to Dayton. He was identified with commercial interests in this city as proprietor of a general store for a number of years but eventually sold out in that line and entered the banking business, organizing the firm of J. O. Shoup & Company, for the conduct of a private bank. In this undertaking he met with success and was recognized as one of the leading representatives of financial interest here. Subsequently he went to Davenport where he handled farm machinery, and his death occurred during his temporary residence in that state. In early manhood he had married Miss Isabel Tate and unto them were born six children, of whom four are living: Ida, now the wife of William White, a manufacturer of Chicago; Anna Belle, who is residing in Dayton; Clara, the wife of R. N. Connable of Baltimore; and Joel O. The father died in 1865 and was long survived by his wife, who passed away in 1890. The entire family have been life-long members of the Episcopal church and both Miss Anna Belle and Joel O. Shoup are communicants of Christ Episcopal church. The former is conducting a large catering business here and is numbered among the enterprising business women of this city, having an extensive patronage in the line which she has chosen as a life work.

CHARLES ALFRED HULL, M. D.

Dr. Charles Alfred Hull, a capable and conscientious representative of the medical fraternity, practicing in Liberty, is one of Montgomery county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Clayton on the 2d of March, 1876. He is a son of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Kreitzer) Hull, the latter a representative of one of the pioneer families of Montgomery county. The father came from Maryland to Ohio in 1865 and conducted a tannery and later a blacksmith and wagon-making shop. He was thus identified with the industrial interests of the county for ten years and in 1875 he purchased a tract of land and turned his attention to farming, which he followed continuously until his death, which occurred in 1904. He had long survived his wife, who passed away in 1877.

Dr. Hull was reared to the occupation of farming, early becoming familiar with all the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His literary education was acquired in the public schools and when twenty years of age he began teaching, which profession he followed for four years. In the meantime he devoted much of his leisure to the study of medicine, having determined to enter upon its active practice, and in the spring of 1904 he began a course in the Illinois Medical College at Chicago. Later he continued his studies in the Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, where he was graduated in May, 1904. He then located at Liberty, where he has since engaged in general practice, and his ability has brought him a liberal patronage. He did not consider his medical education completed when he left college, but has continued to read and study along the line of his professional duties and he has also learned

many valuable lessons in the school of experience. That he is widely conversant with the principles of the medical science is evidenced in the success which has attended his labors, making him one of the leading physicians of this part of the county.

Dr. Hull was united in marriage to Miss Della Campbell, a native of Roanoke, Virginia, and afterward a resident of Montgomery county. The wedding was celebrated on the 7th of September, 1901, and they have one child, Edison Lowell. The parents are members of the United Brethren church and Dr. Hull is a member of the Modern Woodmen Camp and of the Protective Home Circle. His life record is in contradistinction to the old adage that "a prophet is never without honor save in his own country," for in the county where he has spent his entire life he has made steady progress in his professional career and the general public acknowledges his ability and worth.

OSCAR GREENLEE.

Oscar Greenlee, an enterprising and progressive agriculturist of Harrison township, is the owner of an excellent farming property of thirty-five acres on the Philadelphia road, about three miles north of Dayton. His birth occurred on the 21st of August, 1854, in Miami county, Ohio, on the old Greenlee farm east of Pleasant Hill and a half mile south of the old Troy pike. His paternal grandfather, who came to this state from Virginia, was the first representative of the name in Miami county. The parents of our subject were David and Mary (Langston) Greenlee, whose family numbered seven children, namely: David and William, who are deceased; Robert; Allen, who has also passed away; Malinda; Edith; and Oscar, of this review. The father, who successfully carried on general farming throughout his active business career, lost his eyesight about the time of his retirement.

Oscar Greenlee obtained his education in the schools of his native county and subsequently took up his abode in Montgomery county. Since starting out in business life for himself he has devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits and, as stated above, is now the owner of a rich and productive tract of land of thirty-five acres in Harrison township. The buildings on the place include a new and up-to-date residence and a substantial and commodious barn and in fact the property is lacking in none of the equipments and accessories of a model farm of the twentieth century. Diligent, persevering and industrious, the success which has attended his labors is richly merited and he is now numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of the community.

On the 14th of April, 1878, Mr. Greenlee was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth McCleary, a daughter of Horace and Margaret (Woodard) McCleary. Her father spent his entire life on the farm where he was born and became widely recognized as a prominent agriculturist. He was elected to various positions of public trust and responsibility and in the offices of township treasurer, pike director and township supervisor discharged his duties with marked promptness and capability. He was likewise a valued member of the Shiloh Christian

church, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. In his family were seven children, as follows: Mary J. and Belle, both of whom are deceased; Susan; William; George; Mrs. Greenlee; and Davis. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Greenlee have been born the following children: Daisy, who has passed away; Carl, Jesse and Grover, all of whom reside in the west; Ethel, who has completed her education and now lives at home with her parents; Shirley, a high school student; and Chester, who is also attending school.

For the past twenty years Mr. Greenlee has acted as treasurer and trustee of the Shiloh church and is deeply interested in the work for the moral progress and uplifting of the community. Both he and his wife are highly esteemed throughout the locality where they reside and no man is more worthy the respect of his associates than he whose name introduces this record.

EDWIN J. BROWN.

Edwin J. Brown, superintendent of instruction in Dayton, his position being indicative of the high rank which he holds in educational circles, was born in this city, February 1, 1871, and his life record seems in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country. His paternal grandfather, who was a native of Pennsylvania, spent his last days in Iowa. The family were connected with the Society of Friends or Quakers.

David G. Brown, the father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania in 1827 and came to Dayton in 1868. For years he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business and later went upon the road as a commercial traveler. He served for a time as a member of the board of education and was also one of the workhouse trustees of Dayton, being recognized as a prominent and influential citizen during the period of his residence here. He died in Buffalo, New York, in 1887. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Brown, was a daughter of Dr. John D. Mills. She was a woman of real culture, of the happiest disposition and the highest nobility of character, and was in every sense "a mother to her boys."

Professor E. J. Brown attended the first pay kindergarten in Dayton and also spent one term in a country school near town. At the usual age he entered the public schools, passing through consecutive grades to his graduation from the Central high school with special honors with the class of 1890. He afterward attended the Dayton Normal School and was the first male graduate of that institution, completing the course there in 1891. While a student and later, for ten years in all, he did correspondent work on the Dayton News. He also spent several summers at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Entering upon the profession of teaching, Mr. Brown was assigned to a position in the Patterson school of Dayton in September, 1891, and there taught for a year. He was then transferred to the Willard school, while two and a half years later he was made assistant principal of the Irving school. Further advancement came to him when he was appointed principal of the Weaver school, which under his management became a model district school. He continued his work there until January 6, 1908, when he became a member of the board of educa-

tion, having been elected from the fifth ward the preceding November. He filled that position until August, 1908, when he was chosen superintendent of instruction of the Dayton schools. Thus he made continuous advancement, his ability winning him recognition that has resulted in promotion from time to time until he now occupies a position of much more than local distinction in the ranks of the representatives of public instruction in Ohio.

On the 3d of July, 1892, in Dayton Professor Brown was united in marriage to Miss Minnie A. Miller, a daughter of Dr. J. W. Miller, deceased. They now have four children: Lincoln M., D. Grant, Martha E. and Elizabeth J.

In his political views Professor Brown is a republican, interested in the success of the party because of a belief in its principles and yet without desire for political preferment. His fraternal relations have brought him into connection with various societies. He is now a chapter and Scottish Rite Mason, belongs to the subordinate lodge, the encampment and the Rebekah lodge of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Modern Woodmen of America and the Tribe of Ben Hur. He is a trustee of the Broadway Methodist Episcopal church and is interested in all those movements, measures and influences which are for the betterment of his city and its people. He not only holds to high ideals in his profession but in citizenship as well, and his honorable, upright manhood has gained him an enviable position in the regard of his fellow townsmen.

JOHN S. BECK, M. D.

Dr. John S. Beck is a distinguished physician of Dayton whose professional labors have been of a practical character. He has stood for high ideals in all professional service and at the same time what he has attained represents the fit utilization of the innate powers which are his. He has always worked upon the theory that it is the duty of the physician to prevent as well as to check disease and to this end he has labored untiringly and effectively to bring about conditions that will advance the general health average by making individuals cognizant of what will prevent illness. His work has indeed been of a most creditable and valuable character and entitles him to the gratitude and respect of his fellowmen.

The birthplace of Dr. Beck was a farm three miles west of Lancaster and the date of his nativity was May 19, 1842. His father, Jacob Beck, was born in Germany in 1804 and was only a year and a half old when his parents brought their family to the new world. He lived to a very venerable age, passing away in his ninety-fifth year. In early life he followed the blacksmith's trade, giving up work of that character when elected to the position of treasurer of Fairfield county. His first term's service received strong endorsement in his reelection, and after he had capably filled the office for two terms he took up the occupation of farming three miles west of Lancaster, and as the years passed by he added to his possessions until he became the owner of seven hundred acres of valuable land in one body. He was widely known and honored for his business integrity and thorough reliability under all conditions, being frequently called

upon to act as administrator of many estates. As a companion and helpmate for life's journey he chose Miss Susan Kerns, a daughter of Jacob Kerns, one of the early settlers of Ohio. Their sons and daughters numbered seven: Mary A., the wife of Zebulon Peters, who resides two miles west of Lancaster; George W., who follows farming near Lancaster; Jacob K., an agriculturist of the same locality; Henry S., president of the Pierce National Bank of Pierce, Nebraska; Joseph, a Lutheran minister; John S.; and Clara, the deceased wife of William Huges.

Dr. Beck was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, no especial event occurring to vary the routine of the work of the fields for him until he was sixteen years of age. He had in the meantime pursued his education in the district schools and when he reached the age of sixteen his father sent him and his brother Joseph to the Capital University at Columbus, where he matriculated as a member of the freshman class. There he pursued his studies until he had entered upon the work of the senior year.

The country had become involved in Civil war, however, and he could no longer content himself to remain at his studies, so in 1862 he returned to his father's home in Lancaster, Ohio, and on the 20th of August of that year joined the boys in blue of Company D, Nineteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a regiment being then organized at Circleville, Ohio. This command was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland, with which Dr. Beck saw active service throughout the war, participating in all the engagements in which his regiment took part from August, 1862, until June, 1865, including the military movements from Louisville, Kentucky, to Atlanta, Georgia. On the 13th of June he was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, having in the meantime, by meritorious conduct and unfaltering valor, won promotion to the rank of first lieutenant.

Soon after his return home Dr. Beck thoughtfully considered the question of a life work and in August took up the definite plan of preparing for the practice of medicine. Accordingly he entered the University of Pennsylvania, completing the course in the medical department in the spring of 1868. He located in Miamisburg, Montgomery county, in the spring of 1869 but in December, 1870, removed to Dayton, where he has now continued in the practice of his profession for almost four decades. His ability is widely acknowledged and the success which attends his efforts attests his thorough knowledge of the principles of medicine and surgery.

Aside from private practice Dr. Beck has done much active and valuable work of a professional nature. For many years he was a member of the United States pension board in Dayton, serving through President Cleveland's administration by the endorsement and courtesy of the influential democrats of the county. He has since 1872 been a member of the pension board of the National Military Home of Ohio and has served for one term as a member of the board of health, while twice he has been chosen physician of the county jail. He is one of the most prominent and valued members of the Montgomery County Medical Society, of which he has four times been honored with the presidency. He is now treasurer of the milk commission of this society and chairman of the tuberculosis committee. It was he who introduced into the society the measures which were adopted and resulted in the organization of the milk commission,

the medical inspection of the public schools of Dayton, and the appointment of a tuberculosis committee in the society with a view to the organization of a tuberculosis society in Montgomery county. This society has since been organized and is doing a splendid work to prevent the spread of the white plague, with the Hon. Oren B. Brown, judge of the common pleas court, as its president. Dr. Beck certainly deserves great credit for what he has done in these connections. He has put forth most earnest effort to prevent the spread of disease through the adoption of sanitary and health measures and through the dissemination of knowledge pertaining to health laws. He has recently been selected as the trustee from the county for the new district tuberculosis hospital which is soon to be built and when completed will be a credit to the people of the state.

Dr. Beck has for many years been a member of the Auxiliary Legislative Committee of the Ohio State Medical Society and in this connection his labors have also been far-reaching and effective. He is a member of the Mississippi Valley Medical Society and the American Medical Association and was the third delegate from Ohio to the Convention that met in Atlantic City in 1904. He was also a delegate from Montgomery county to the ninth international medical convention which met in Washington, D. C., in 1887. For seven years he served as visiting physician to St. Elizabeth Hospital but resigned on account of his important and growing private practice, after which he was given a position on the consulting staff. He was one of the building committe on the erection of the Deaconess Hospital of Dayton, and in this connection did a work the beneficial influences of which are today strongly felt. He was made chief of staff by the board of trustees of this hospital and in this work has secured the adoption of many practical improvements which are a source of direct worth in its work. He has held this position for nineteen years.

Dr. Beck was married to Miss Sarah A. Work, a daughter of John and Mary (Webb) Work, of Lancaster, Ohio. There are two daughters of this marriage: Clara Lusetta, who was married in Dayton in 1897 to Edward W. Curtis, of Chicago; and Mary Ann Robert, who was married in Dayton to Dr. Harry H. Hatcher, of this city. Dr. Beck is no less esteemed for his professional service than for his personal worth, receiving the respect and honor which the world instinctively pays to the man whose life has been well spent and whose efforts have been fruitful of good.

HARVEY V. RIKE.

Harvey V. Rike is conducting a general mercantile store at Fort McKinley in which position he succeeds J. N. Reed. He was born in Butler county, Ohio, on the 28th of December, 1874, and was a son of Levi and Margaret (Puls) Rike. The father was a son of Adam and Sarah (Hardin) Rike. The family was established in America in colonial days and Adam Rike came from Hagerstown, Maryland, to Montgomery county, casting in his lot with the pioneer residents of this part of the state. Comparatively few settlements had been made in this district when he took up his abode here to aid in reclaiming the

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region from the red men, that it might be converted, through the process of civilization and improvement, into its present high state of cultivation. He made the journey from his old home to Montgomery county by wagon, for it was long prior to the period of railroads, and in fact comparatively few wagon roads had been laid out, many of the highways being little more than trails. On reaching his destination he resolutely set himself to the task of cutting down the trees and clearing away the forest that he might cultivate a farm in the midst of the wilderness. He was among those who aided in laying broad and deep the foundation upon which the present prosperity of the county has been builded. His son, the Rev. Levi Rike, was a minister of the German Reformed church, very prominent in the work of that denomination, to which he gave his time and energies with great zeal. He was a man of liberal education and strong intellectual force and not only delivered forceful and instructive sermons but also wrote considerable poetry. Unto him and his wife were born five children: Eoline Arabella, deceased; David Prugh McClelland, who is a graduate of Heidelburg College, of Ohio; Bert Venson, deceased; Bertha, the wife of Elmer Girard, of Miamisburg, by whom she has one child, Edith Margaret; and Harvey V.

The last named acquired his education in the public schools supplemented by a commercial course which he pursued in Middletown, where he was graduated. Throughout his entire life he has been connected with mercantile pursuits, entering this line of business when sixteen years of age as a clerk. Gradually he has worked his way upward until he is now proprietor of an excellent establishment in which he enjoys a good trade, being the owner of a general mercantile store at Fort McKinley. He is a self-made man who has depended upon his own resources from a comparatively early age and has ever realized that persistency of purpose and diligence are the basis of all honorable success. Since coming into possession of his present business, about a year ago, he has improved both the stock and store and now has a well appointed establishment.

Mr. Rike belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics and to the Reformed church. His mother is still living and acts as his housekeeper at Fort McKinley. She, too, is identified with the church and is prominent in its work.

M. B. FLOYD, M. D.

Dr. M. B. Floyd, city bacteriologist of Dayton, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1877 and in 1879 was brought to Dayton by his parents. D. Calvin Floyd, his father, was a soldier of the Fourth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry and served for four years in defense of the Union cause. He remained for a long period a resident of this city and died in November, 1905.

Reared in Dayton, Dr. Floyd entered the public schools at the usual age and mastered the work in consecutive grades until he was graduated from the Steele high school with the class of 1898. A review of the field of business, with the opportunities offered in each line, led him to the conclusion that he would find the practice of medicine congenial and, he hoped, profitable. He therefore began preparation for the profession and in 1903 was graduated in

medicine at the University of Michigan, after which he supplemented his theoretical training by broad practical experience through sixteen months' service as house physician in the hospital at Ann Arbor. There is no better equipment for general practice than hospital service, as it is of most varied character and must perforce bring out the latent talent and ability and develop the professional judgment of the practitioner.

In the fall of 1904 Dr. Floyd returned to Dayton and entered upon his chosen life work here. He now has a good private practice, with office and residence at No. 224 North Main street, and in 1906 he was appointed to his present position as city bacteriologist, continuing in the office to the present time. He has established a modern laboratory in Dayton, well equipped in every particular for doing scientific work in analysis and experiment. In all things Dr. Floyd keeps in touch with the progress of the profession through investigation and research and through the interchange of thought and experience coming to him through his membership in the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Society, the Montgomery County Medical Society and the Dayton Academy of Medicine.

In April, 1898, Dr. Floyd enlisted at Columbus in the United States army hospital corps for the Spanish-American war and was on active duty for six months in the general hospital at Chickamauga, Tennessee. He belongs to the Lambda Sigma, a college fraternity, and to the Masonic order, while his political allegiance is given to the republican party. He is interested in the political questions and situation of the country but his chief attention is given to his profession, in which he is making substantial progress.

EDGAR H. BRANDENBURG.

Edgar H. Brandenburg is one of the leading citizens of Trotwood, and as a manufacturer of closed spring wagons is recognized as a factor in the industrial development and upbuilding of the community. A native of Ohio, his birth occurred July 1, 1853, in Vandalia, his parents being David and Rhoda (Hutchins) Brandenburg. The family are old settlers of Ohio, the grandparents, Jacob and Saloma Brandenburg, having removed to this state from Frederick county, Maryland, while the land was still in an uncultivated condition. Upon his arrival here Jacob Brandenburg purchased the property upon which the State Hospital now stands, which then consisted of one hundred and sixty acres. Here, after clearing the land, he built a cabin on the top of the hill for himself and family. David Brandenburg, his son and the father of our subject, was born in Butler township, Montgomery county, on a farm. He was a carriage manufacturer, having learned the trade under the direction of a distant relative in Sulphur Grove, Ohio, and was one of the oldest manufacturers in this line in the county, having carried on his business for about fifty years in Vandalia, Ohio.

Edgar H. Brandenburg received a good education in the common schools of Vandalia and assisted in his father's shop, where he acquired a thorough knowledge of the business. He continued in his father's employ until the year 1890,

when he removed to Trotwood, Madison township, where he established himself in the closed market wagon manufacturing business in connection with blacksmithing and general repair work. He has fully realized the value of unremitting energy and perseverance, and these have proven salient qualities in his success, for he stands today as one of the most prominent and influential citizens of Trotwood, while his business enterprise ranks among the leading industries of the city.

Mr. Brandenburg was married October 19, 1880, to Caroline Jordon, a daughter of N. W. and Esther (Scott) Jordon, the former a very prominent farmer of Warren county, Ohio. Unto them were born three children, all of whom are now deceased: Foster and Hettie, who died in infancy; and Blanch. Mr. and Mrs. Brandenburg reside in a large two-story house adjacent to the factory.

Mr. Brandenburg is a member of the United Brethren church, of which he was also a prominent member while living in Vandalia. He has not allied himself with any fraternal orders, preferring to devote his time and attention entirely to his business affairs, which, properly conducted, are proving a source of financial profit to him. He does not, however, permit his business affairs to exclude him from participation in those matters which are of vital importance to the true citizen, for he is deeply interested in all measures that tend toward the growth and development of the city. In all of his business dealings his honesty and integrity is unquestioned, and he commands the respect and confidence of all who know him, while by reason of his sterling worth and blameless life he has gathered around him a large circle of warm friends.

HORACE BONNER, M. D.

Dr. Horace Bonner, who in the practice of his profession has made a specialty of the treatment of diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in which connection he has displayed marked skill and ability, placing him prominently in the front rank of those whose labors are thus directed, was born on a farm in Greene county, Ohio, March 19, 1851. His youthful days were there passed, and as his age and strength increased he assisted more and more largely in the work of the fields. Athirst for knowledge, he supplemented his country school course by study in Xenia College, at Xenia, Ohio; in Earlham College, at Richmond, Indiana; and the Ohio Wesleyan at Delaware. He was graduated from the last named in 1873 and then began equipping himself for a professional career by study in the Miami Medical College, at Cincinnati, where he remained for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he became ill with typhoid and on his recovery went to his home in Greene county, Ohio. When he had somewhat recuperated he accepted the principalship at Xenia, filling the position from 1875 until 1877. He did not abandon the idea of becoming a member of the medical fraternity, however, and at the close of the school year, in the spring of 1877, he again made plans for resuming his study in the Miami Medical College, which he reentered in the fall, being graduated therefrom with the class of 1879.

Dr. Bonner located for practice in Creston, Iowa, where he continued for three years, and then returned to Ohio, opening an office in Xenia, where he con-

tinued in general practice until May, 1886. In that year he came to Dayton, where he began the study of eye, ear, nose and throat work, associated with Dr. D. W. Greene, an association that was maintained for eleven years. On the expiration of that period Dr. Bonner opened an office for independent practice and has since given his attention to his specialty, his ability in this direction winning him a large practice and a most enviable reputation. He is now oculist and aurist of St. Elizabeth's Hospital, and he belongs to the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Montgomery County Medical Society and the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology.

On the 26th of December, 1881, Dr. Bonner married Miss Carrie Parker at Creston, Iowa. They have a son, William Parker, and a daughter, Ella C. Dr. Bonner is a republican in his political belief but not an active worker in the party ranks. He is a communicant of the Episcopal church and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. He is serving as a vestryman in Christ church, in which capacity he has acted for fourteen years, while in the various departments of the church work he is actively and helpfully interested. Those who know Dr. Bonner socially find him a genial gentleman, whose cordiality and deference for the opinions of others makes him a favorite wherever he is known. He is a man of studious nature and to this may largely be attributed his continual advancement in his profession for at all times he is conversant with the latest ideas and discoveries of the profession in relation to the laws of health.

JOHN BRAYTON PARMALEE.

John Brayton Parmalee, who has been characterized as a thorough business man of marked force of character and with ability to comprehend the value of every business detail, is now the secretary of the Davis Sewing Machine Company of Dayton. He was born in a small town in Oneida county, New York, in 1864 and was there reared to the age of eighteen years, a son of W. B. Parmalee, who is still living in the Empire state. In the place of his nativity John B. Parmalee remained to the age of eighteen years, during which time he mastered the branches of learning taught in the home schools and also attended the Whitestown Seminary at Whitestown, New York, from which he was graduated in the class of 1882. He further supplemented his early education by study in Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, and after leaving the last named institution was employed in various ways until he seems to have found the task for which nature intended him when he became connected, in 1884, with the western office of the Davis Sewing Machine Company, then at Cleveland. On the removal of the plant to Dayton he came to this city to continue in active connection with the business and in 1897 his recognized ability won him promotion to the position of secretary. He is thus actively concerned with the management and control of a large and important industry and few men are so thoroughly informed concerning every interest bearing upon or having to do with so large and complex a business concern as that of the Davis Sewing Machine Company. He dis-

played special aptitude in the management of affairs and, acquainting himself with the business in a most thorough manner, he is now active in the control of an enterprise which is not only a source of gratifying revenue to the stockholders but is also a factor in the industrial activity of the city.

Mr. Parmalee gives his political allegiance to the republican party and is well known in several of the leading social organizations of Dayton, including the Country Club, Bicycle Club, Dayton City Club and the Garfield Club. There has been nothing spectacular in his life record but is none the less essential and none the less valuable from the fact that he belongs to that class who uphold the political and legal status and stand for good government and who, in pursuing the even tenor of their way, constitute a safe balance for those whom emotion or prejudice swerves from the regular order of things.

FRANK BAUMHECKEL, JR.

Frank Baumheckel, Jr., engaged in the wholesale and retail butcher business, was born November 2, 1861, on Valley street in North Dayton and comes of German ancestry. His parents were Frank and Elizabeth (Nack) Baumheckel. The father was a native of Germany, and came to America about 1857. He was reared and educated in the fatherland and ere his removal to this country followed river pursuits. After his arrival in Ohio he was engaged in butchering and became one of the best known operators in this line of activity in Dayton. He is, however, living retired at present in the enjoyment of well earned rest.

Reared under the parental roof, Frank Baumheckel, Jr., acquired his early education as a pupil in the public schools of Dayton, his native city, and subsequently pursued a course of bookkeeping in the Miami Commercial College, from which he was graduated in course of time. He then accepted positions in various parts of the city and was thus engaged for some time, during which period he made himself familiar with the butchering business. Subsequently he went into this line of business activity on his own account and has been thus connected for about thirty-six years. In the meantime, however, he became identified with racing interests and engaged in buying, selling and racing horses in different parts of the country. He has been the owner of some excellent race horses and has today a fast trotter in training. He owns about twenty-five acres of fine farm land on the Troy pike, about two miles from the Dayton courthouse, and here engages in the wholesale and retail butcher business, while he devotes some time to general agricultural pursuits. He is constantly adding to his present plant, which is a new one and as yet incomplete, but it is nevertheless proving a very profitable enterprise. He has been signally successful in his various business interests and today ranks among the well known and influential representatives of Mad River township.

On January 23, 1883, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Baumheckel and Emma Adams, and unto this union were born three children: Frank III, now deceased; Adele, the wife of Dr. J. E. Potts, by whom she has one child, Frank IV; and Carrie, also deceased. Mrs. Baumheckel is the daughter of Thomas

and Caroline (Taylor) Adams. The father was a son of William and Rachel (Douglas) Adams and was a native of New Jersey, removing to Ohio about fifty years ago. He was a mechanic by trade and made his home in Dayton.

In addition to his present home Mr. Baumheckel is also the owner of property in the city of Dayton situated on the corner of Finley and Valley streets, where he lived prior to his removal to his present location. He is prominent in fraternal circles, belonging to the Masonic fraternity and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, while he also holds membership in the Young Butchers' Association. His life has been an active one in which has been accorded due recognition of labor and in his business life he has made good use of his opportunities, has utilized his possibilities to the best advantage and as the years have passed has attained to his present creditable position entirely through his own energy and labors.

A. L. EBERLY.

A. L. Eberly, a well-known and popular farmer of Jefferson township, was born on the 1st of January, 1863, in Butler County, Ohio, a son of Elias and Elizabeth (Hoffman) Eberly. The paternal grandparents, Peter and Maria (Snyder) Eberly, came to this state from Pennsylvania in the year 1834. The maternal grandparents of our subject were Jacob and Elizabeth Hoffman, who came to this state from Pennsylvania in 1832. Elias Eberly, the father of A. L. Eberly, was identified with farming and stock-raising interests throughout his active business career and for many years made his home on the farm which is now in possession of his sons, A. L. and Joseph. He was well and favorably known as one of the enterprising and progressive agriculturists of the community and a township trustee and member board of education many years, and his demise, which occurred in 1884, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: two who died in infancy; A. L.; Joseph; Emma; and Ward, who died in 1894 weighing four hundred and twenty-six pounds, being known as the fat boy.

In his youthful days A. L. Eberly attended the common schools in pursuit of an education that would equip him for the practical and responsible duties of later life. His has been a most active and useful career, for in addition to carrying on the work of the farm he is also acting as a sale clerk and as such his services are in demand for many miles around, his accuracy and thoroughness being widely recognized. In association with his brother Joseph he owns and operates the old homestead farm of one hundred and forty acres, raising tobacco as well as the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate. He is meeting with gratifying success in his business affairs and this is well merited, for it has come to him through his own well directed labors and close application.

In 1898 Mr. Eberly was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Lambert, a daughter of John and Christina Lambert, of Jefferson township. In politics Mr. Eberly is a stanch democrat and has served as clerk of the school board for fifteen years, while for a similar period he acted as clerk of Jefferson township, ever

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discharging his official duties in a prompt and capable manner. He has always taken a great interest in public affairs and is connected with a number of public enterprises. Having spent his entire life in this county, he is well and favorably known within its borders and is a worthy representative of a family that has now figured prominently and honorably in the annals of this section of the state for three-fourths of a century.

FRANK WEBSTER, M. D.

The name of Webster has long stood as a synonym for ability in the practice of medicine and surgery in the middle west, and the life work of Dr. Frank Webster is in harmony with the reputation of the family in this connection. With the lasting work of his father before him as an example and a source of inspiration, he is achieving renown because of his own comprehensive understanding of scientific principles and his correct application thereof to the needs of suffering humanity.

Dr. Webster was born in Middletown, Ohio, April 6, 1854, a son of Dr. William and Sarah (Harkrader) Webster. The family is of Welsh lineage, the ancestry being traced back direct to John Webster, who left the little rock-ribbed country of Wales and became a resident of New Jersey in 1691. William Webster, the great-grandfather, was born in Essex, New Jersey, in 1771, and about 1803 removed to Pennsylvania, while in 1806 he became a pioneer of the Miami valley in Ohio, settling in Butler county, where he continued his residence to the time of his death in 1844. One of his sons, Hon. Taylor Webster, was for nearly a half century identified with the democratic press of Butler county, Ohio, and in 1829 was clerk of the general assembly, while in 1830 he was sent by Butler county to the house of representatives and was chosen its speaker. From 1832 until 1838 he was in congress as the representative of the district comprising Butler, Preble and Darke counties, and his public services continued through incumbency in the office of clerk of the court of common pleas of Butler county and afterward on the supreme bench. He did much in molding the policy and shaping the destiny of the state during the first half of the nineteenth century and died generally lamented in New Orleans, Louisiana, April 27, 1876, when seventy-one years of age.

The family of William Webster numbered nine children, including Dr. Elias Webster, who was born in Butler county, October 31, 1805, and in early manhood became a medical practitioner of the allopathic school. About fifteen years later, however, he took up the practice of homeopathy, a system then comparatively new. In 1866 he removed to Connersville, Indiana, where he remained in practice until his death. He was recognized as a leader in democratic circles and also took deep interest in religious matters, being a close Bible student as well as a wide reader upon other themes. His sterling integrity, force of character and genial disposition won him the respect and friendship of young and old, rich and poor. He wedded Mary Kain of Lebanon, Ohio, who died in 1867, while he reached the venerable age of eighty-six years, passing away in 1891. Their

children were William, Samuel, Hugh, James K., Joseph R., Taylor, Daniel, Mrs. Sarah Ann Tevis and Mary J. Two of this family became physicians.

Dr. William Webster, father of Dr. Frank Webster, was born in Butler county, Ohio, January 12, 1827, and his youthful days were spent upon a farm until his fourteenth year, when he became a pupil in Monroe Academy. He afterward studied in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, during the years 1845 and 1846, and then entered Farmers College near Cincinnati, being graduated therefrom with honors in 1848. During his senior year he devoted his leisure hours to reading medicine and subsequently matriculated in the Eclectic Medical Institute of Cincinnati, being numbered among its alumni of 1851. During a cholera epidemic at Middletown, Ohio, prior to his graduation, he had opened an office and engaged in practice, but when the disease was checked he closed his office and returned to college. During his senior year Dr. Storm Rosa, of Paynesville, Ohio, delivered before the college a course of lectures on homeopathy with the result that nearly all of the faculty and the class became adherents of the new school. During the first year or two of his practice Dr. Webster gave considerable time to investigating and experimenting with both allopathy and homeopathy and became convinced that the latter was preferable, adopting therefore that school as his life work. After nine years of practice in Middletown he sought the broader field offered in Dayton and remained a resident of this city until his death, May 19, 1894.

Dr. Webster was one of the organizers of the Miami Valley Homeopathic Society, in which he served as an official for many years. For a long period he was honored with the presidency of the Ohio State Homeopathic Medical Society and was also a member of the American Institute of Homeopathy, while various leading homeopathic journals regarded him as a valued contributor. In his profession he attained prominence and was the loved family physician in many households of Dayton. He was long an exemplary member of the Masonic fraternity and for fifty-five years held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. He was also actively interested in the Young Men's Christian Association and at all times gave liberally to church and religious work, to charity and wherever individual aid was needed. His life was honorable in its purposes, far-reaching and beneficial in its influence and Dayton numbered him among its honored residents.

Dr. Webster was married three times. He first wedded Mrs. Catherine Martin, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, July 1, 1827, and died July 21, 1851. On the 28th of May, 1853, he married Miss Sarah Harkrader, who died soon after the birth of their only child, Frank, passing away August 9, 1854. Her parents were David and Nancy (Gallagher) Harkrader, pioneer residents of Warren county, Ohio. For his third wife Dr. Webster chose Miss Rosalinda Brashear and their children were Edward and William H.

Dr. Frank Webster, whose name introduces this record, was a young lad at the time of his parents' removal to Dayton and this enabled him to pursue his public-school course in this city. He was graduated from the high school in the year 1874 and afterward from the Miami Commercial College of Dayton, while subsequently he spent three years in the music business in this city. Determining to follow in the professional footsteps of his father, he began reading

medicine under the direction of Dr. William Webster and later attended the Pulte Medical College, from which he was graduated in 1882. He then joined his father in practice, this association being maintained until the father's death, after which he was joined in partnership by his brother, Dr. William H. Webster. He is justly ranked with the leading homeopathic physicians of Dayton, for wide reading and continued study have made his a most capable physician, bringing him into close touch with the most advanced knowledge of the profession. He is conscientious in the performance of all professional service and finds in the capable discharge of each day's duties courage and inspiration for the labors of the succeeding day.

On the 30th of January, 1879, Dr. Webster was married to Miss Anna A. Turner, a daughter of Hamilton M. Turner, of Montgomery county, Ohio, where Mrs. Webster was born. The three children of this marriage are Howard H., Rome M. and Margaret K. The elder son was graduated in 1903 from Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia and is now successfully practicing. The younger son was graduated from the same school in 1907 and from the New York Opthalmic College of New York city in 1908. He was married in December, 1907, in Dayton to Miss Stella Schneider, a daughter of Jacob F. Schneider.

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Webster are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are prominent in the social circles in which they move. He is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity and is prominent and popular in professional circles in Dayton. For thirteen years he served as secretary of the Miami Valley Homeopathic Medical Society and for one term was its president. He has also twice been honored with the presidency of the Dayton Homeopathic Medical Society and has gained high reputation in that field of medical practice in which his grandfather and father were pioneers and in which his own efforts have met with well merited reward.

FRANK I. JOYCE.

Frank I. Joyce, president of the Joyce-Cridland Company, manufacturers of lifting jacks in Dayton, was born in Cincnnati, Ohio, on the 6th of March, 1860, a son of Jacob Osler and Josephine (Ingals) Joyce. The father was born in Colestown, New Jersey, in 1823, and in 1829 was taken by his parents to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was reared and learned the trades of a carpenter and pattern maker. He followed those pursuits in Cincinnati until 1861 when he removed to Dayton where he soon after began the manufacture of pumps. Subsequently he abandoned that field of activity to take up the manufacture of lifting jacks in 1873 in connection with Thomas H. Cridland under the firm style of Joyce & Cridland, which connection continued until 1882. The business was then reorganized under the firm style of Joyce, Cridland & Company, and was incorporated in 1893 as the Joyce-Cridland Company. Before his removal from Cincinnati Jacob O. Joyce had wedded Josephine Ingals, a native of that city and unto them were born four children, of whom one died in infancy while three are yet

living: Cora Adelaide, the wife of Thomas H. Cridland; Frank Ingals; and Fannie R., the wife of George W. Shroyer. While the more remote ancestral history of the family is not obtainable it is known that James Joyce, the grandfather of our subject, was a native of New Jersey, his birth having there occurred January 1, 1795. His last days were passed in Dayton, for in 1861 he became a resident of this city and here remained until his demise in 1874.

Frank I. Joyce was but a year old when his parents came to Dayton so his youthful days were here passed and in the improvement of the educational opportunities offered by the public schools he acquired his education, being graduated from the Central high school with the class of 1878. He then entered the manufacturing plant of Joyce & Cridland, where he was employed for four or five years, closely applying himself to the mastery of the business. At the end of that time he became a member of the firm on its reorganization under the style of Joyce, Cridland & Company, which so continued until 1893 and was then incorporated under the present name, J. O. Joyce becoming president and so continuing until his death in 1905, after which Frank I. Joyce succeeded him in the presidency. The business is thoroughly systematized and conducted on the plan which constitutes the basis of every successful business undertaking—of accomplishing maximum results at a minimum expenditure of time, labor and material. However, quality is never sacrificed and the reputation of the house for its manufactured product is a most enviable one.

In 1885 in Dayton Mr. Joyce was married to Miss Catharine Ralston, a daughter of John Ralston, deceased, and they have five children as follows: Jeannette Leona, Marguerite, Katharine Frances, Cora Belle and Frank Ralston. In his fraternal relations Mr. Joyce is a Mason who has taken the degrees of Capitular and Chivalric Masonry. He also belongs to the Scottish Rite and has crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise connected with the Knights of Pythias and belongs to the Dayton City Club, while his name is on the membership roll of the Chamber of Commerce and his active cooperation is given to its various plans for promoting the business activity of the city. In politics he is a republican but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him as he prefers to concentrate his energies upon his business interests in which he is meeting with signal success.

RICHARD S. GAUGLER, M. D.

Thorough preparatory training well qualified Dr. Richard S. Gaugler for a professional career and since entering upon active practice his constantly expanding powers brought him into prominent professional relations. He has ever believed in holding to a high standard of professional ethics, recognizing the fact that the work of the physician is ever of a most important and responsible character. He has won success at the cost of earnest, self-denying labor and well deserves the high regard in which he is held not only by reason of his ability but also owing to the fact that he never refuses to respond to a call for aid, his ready sympathy prompting his immediate action, even at the sacrifice of his own comfort or welfare.

Dr. Richard S. Gaugler was born in Port Trevorton, Pennsylvania, July 20, 1868, and in that place was reared and acquired his primary education. Recognizing the value of mental training beyond that afforded in the public schools, at the age of seventeen years he entered Freeburg Academy, at Freeburg, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1887. Later he attended the Normal School at Middleburg, Pennsylvania, completing the course in two years, after which he engaged in teaching in Snyder county, Pennsylvania, for five years, proving a successful educator, who imparted readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. While engaged in teaching he took up the study of medicine, his reading being directed by Dr. Wagenseller, at Selins Grove, Pennsylvania. Subsequently he matriculated in Jefferson Medical College, at Philadelphia, from which he was graduated in 1894. He also had two years undergraduate work in the Lying-in Hospital of that city and later entered the National Military Home near Dayton, Ohio, as assistant surgeon, filling that position for about four and a half years.

Dr. Gaugler then resigned and pursued a post-graduate course of study in Jefferson Medical College. He has always made earnest effort to thoroughly equip himself for the responsibilities that devolve upon him and in addition to his post-graduate course he has done much private reading and study. Returning to Dayton, he entered upon general practice here and in recent years he has been recognized as one of the most able representatives of the profession in this city. He holds membership in the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Montgomery County Medical Society and the Dayton Academy of Medicine and has been honored with office in some of these organizations. He was president of the Dayton Academy of Medicine in 1901-2 and a member of its program committee for seven years. He is likewise on the program committee of the county society and is a member of the faculty appointed by the board of the Union Biblical Seminary to deliver lectures on physiology and anatomy to the medical missionaries.

On the 16th of November, 1898, in Germantown, Ohio, was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Gaugler and Miss Laura Rohrer, a daughter of C. J. Rohrer. They now have two children: Richard S., and Mary Cathryn. Dr. Gaugler is a member of the Masonic lodge and of the First Lutheran church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interest and the rules which govern his conduct. He is a man of genuine personal worth, highly respected by all who know him, while his professional ability is gaining him an enviable reputation in that direction.

SAMUEL S. KELLER.

Samuel S. Keller, well known as a progressive and prosperous agriculturist of Madison township, is the owner of a fine farm of eighty-six acres situated on the Dayton and Lexington road, about five miles west of Dayton. He was born in Jefferson township, Montgomery county, his parents being John and Sarah (Zentmyer) Keller. Samuel Keller, the paternal grandfather, made his way to this state from Pennsylvania, becoming one of the earliest settlers of Mont-

gomery county. John Keller, the father of our subject, likewise made the journey from the Keystone state to this county. He became the father of six children, namely: Lawson, Ida, Samuel S., Nellie, Edith and Harry, all of whom are residents of Montgomery county.

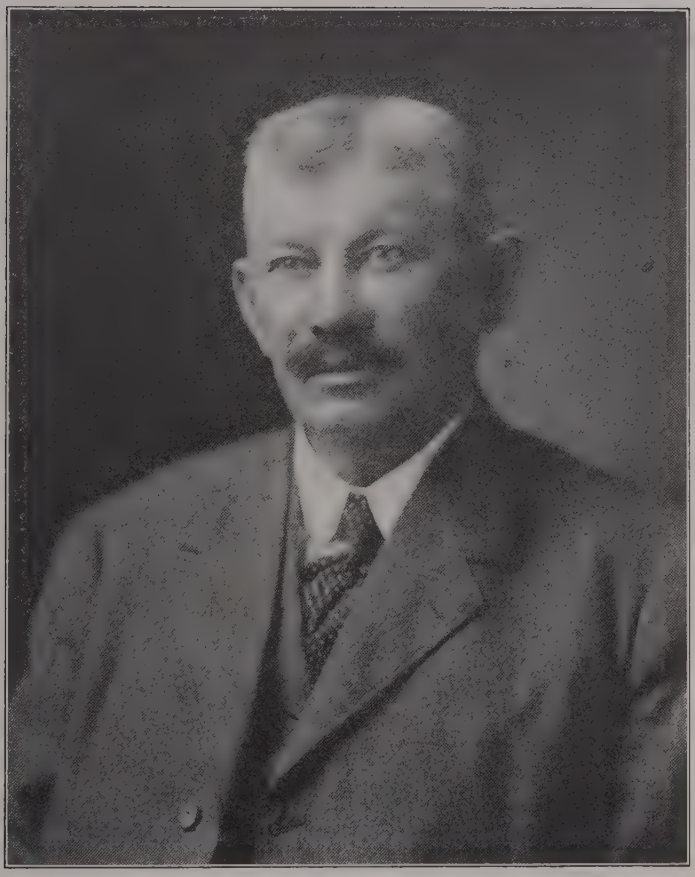
Samuel S. Keller acquired his education in the common schools and was reared on the old homestead farm, early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. On attaining man's estate he chose the occupation to which he had been reared and owing to his untiring industry, indefatigable energy and capable management, has met with a gratifying and well merited measure of success in his farming operations. He has a stand in the market and in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, he also raises some stock for his own use. He owns a modern brick residence of nine rooms and is recognized throughout the community as an up-to-date and enterprising farmer, as well as representative citizen.

On the 18th of December, 1890, Mr. Keller was united in marriage to Miss Emma Kleppinger, a daughter of Newton and Sarah (Wolf) Kleppinger, the former being a native of this county and an agriculturist by occupation. John and Elizabeth Kleppinger, the paternal grandparents of Mrs. Keller, came from Pennsylvania to this county at an early day and were among the first settlers in this part of the state, the grandfather clearing the land now known as the old Kleppinger farm. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Keller have been born two children: Marcus, at home, who is a graduate of the public schools; and Eldon, who is attending school.

The religious faith of Mr. Keller is indicated by his membership in the Christian church, in which he is serving as financial secretary. Both he and his wife are widely and favorably known throughout the community in which they have spent their entire lives, and they are moreover worthy representatives of two of the oldest and most highly respected families of Montgomery county.

JOHN SIEBENTHALER.

Among the prominent German-American residents of his section of the county is numbered John Siebenthaler, now engaged in the nursery and fruit-growing business in Harrison township, Montgomery county. Born in 1854 in Franklin county, Indiana, he is a son of George and Margaret (Moerschel) Siebenthaler. The father, a native of Bavaria, Germany, came to the united States in 1831 and settled first in Cincinnati, Ohio, later going to Franklin county, Indiana, where he took up a claim of one hundred and sixty acres. The deed for the land was signed by Andrew Jackson, then president of the United States. There he engaged in agricultural pursuits until 1866, in which year he sold his farm and removed to Ohio, purchasing a farm in Harrison township, Montgomery county, where his remaining days were spent. His wife passed away in 1867, while his demise occurred in 1900. In their family were twelve children, namely: Henry; Adam; Margaret; John, of this review; Balser; and the following all deceased: Jacob W., Gottfried, George B., Mary, Louisa, David, and Philip.



JOHN SIEBENTHALER

In his father's home John Siebenthaler spent his youthful days, acquiring his early education in the country schools of his native state, attending the sessions three months in each year. After his father's removal to Ohio he attended a district school in Harrison township, Montgomery county, and later supplemented his training by a course of study in Dayton for two winters. Having thus prepared himself, he engaged in teaching for two terms in the Miami county schools and then, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial and profitable, he withdrew from that profession and entered the nursery and fruit-growing business, in which connection he has since remained. It has proven a successful undertaking and by earnest labor, indefatigable energy and untiring diligence he has won a prominent place among the citizens of his section of the county. His business is constantly growing and yields to him a comfortable annual income.

In 1890 was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Siebenthaler and Miss Mary Appenzellar, a daughter of David and Elizabeth Appenzellar of Montgomery county, and unto this marriage have been born five children, namely: Wilber, a graduate of the high school; and Clarence, John, Mary and George, who are yet students.

Fraternally Mr. Siebenthaler is affiliated with the Knights of Pythias at Iola, and in politics gives his allegiance to the democratic party. In June, 1908, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who was laid to rest at Shiloh, and her loss is regretted among a wide circle of warm friends. Having spent the greater portion of his life in this county, Mr. Siebenthaler's acquaintance here is an extensive one and that he is best liked where best known is an indication that his salient characteristics are those which command respect and good will.

CLAUDE NORTH CHRISMAN, M. D.

Dr. Claude North Chrisman, who is well qualified for the practice of both medicine and surgery, the expression of public approval of his work coming to him in a large and gratifying patronage, was born in Kingston, Ross county, Ohio, December 30, 1869, a son of William and Nancy (North) Chrisman, who are yet residents of Dayton, the father having for a number of years been engaged in business as a railroad contractor. The son was only two years of age when his parents became residents of Tarlton, Pickaway county, Ohio, where they lived for six years and then removed to Delaware, Ohio, where the succeeding three years were passed. He was about eleven years of age when the family home was established in Dayton and here he continued his studies in the public schools, also attending the Central high school, from which he was graduated in 1888, after which he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, where he remained for three years, being graduated in 1892.

Dr. Chrisman pursued his early professional studies in the office and under the direction of Dr. J. M. Weaver, of Dayton, and afterward entered the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, completing the regular course by graduation in 1895. He located for general practice in Dayton and soon won an excellent reputation as a capable, earnest and conscientious physician. He has now repre-

sented the profession here for fourteen years, during which time he has steadily advanced toward the goal of gratifying success. He has become particularly well known as a competent surgeon, possessing comprehensive knowledge of anatomy and the component parts of the human body, together with delicacy of touch that makes his surgical work most successful. For five years he was assistant surgeon to St. Elizabeth's hospital.

In 1896 Dr. Chrisman was married in Kenton to Miss Elsie Castor and they have two sons, Paul Castor and William. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and Dr. Chrisman is also associated with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and with the Phi Gamma Delta society. Politically he is a republican but without desire for office, nor does he take active part in political work. In strictly professional lines he is connected with the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Montgomery County Medical Society and the Dayton Academy of Medicine. He has served in the county and the local society as secretary and censor. He is a broad-minded man, thoroughly conversant with the different schools of practice, his discriminating judgment enabling him to take the best from each and use it for the advantage and benefit of his patrons.

NOAH TYLER BISH.

A self-educated and self-made man, his force of character, unfaltering perseverance and laudable ambition have brought Noah Tyler Bish to a creditable position among the successful merchants of Dayton, where he is now conducting a grocery business as the senior partner of the firm of N. T. Bish & Son. He was born near Westminster, Carroll county, Maryland, September 20, 1843, and represents one of the old families of that state founded in America by his great-grandfather, who was born in Germany and with two brothers came to the new world, settling in Baltimore. The grandfather, Adam Bish, was born in Maryland in the eighteenth century and died in 1854.

William Bish, the father of our subject, was a native of Carroll county, Maryland, and died upon a farm there in 1875, at the age of seventy-five years. His wife passed away in the same year. Their children besides our subject were Ephraim S. and Alfred W., both deceased; Anna M., deceased wife of Jonas Warner; Henry J. and David, both deceased; Joel B. and Reuben G., residents of Carroll county, Maryland; Mary J., deceased; Ezra M. and Silas M., also living in Carroll county, Maryland; and Catherine, who died at the age of two years.

Noah Tyler Bish spent his youthful days in the county of his nativity, where he remained until he attained his majority, pursuing his education between the ages of nine and seventeen years. His opportunities, however, were quite limited, his longest term being twenty-eight days. He has been, however, an apt student in the school of experience, learning from each new condition and interest of life the lesson which it contained. On leaving home he removed to Montgomery county, Ohio, where he was employed on a farm for three seasons.

Mr. Bish completed his arrangements for having a home of his own by his marriage, November 11, 1869, to Miss Sarah C. Clemmer, a daughter of George L. Clemmer, who died in Dayton, January 20, 1902. Her mother passed away in the same city on the 8th of October, 1887. At an early date her grandfather, Andrew Clemmer, came to this state from Rockingham county, Virginia, in company with his two brothers, John and David, and entered land in Montgomery county under the homestead law. Mrs. Bish is one of a family of five children, the others being David, a resident of Johnsville, Ohio; Elizabeth, deceased wife of Josiah Hull; Lewis D., of Dayton; and John W., who died at the age of seven years.

The year following his marriage Mr. Bish purchased forty acres of land in Perry township, there carrying on general farming from 1870 until 1884, during which time he brought his fields under a high state of cultivation, while the rich crops which he gathered enabled him to continuously add to his capital. He then came to Dayton and invested in a stock of groceries, opening his store on the same site where he now carries on business. From the beginning he has prospered in his commercial pursuits and now has a large and well appointed store and a liberal patronage is accorded him. His trade is of a most gratifying character and the reliability of his methods is indicated by the fact that many of his patrons have been with him for years. Admitting his son to a partnership, the business is now continued under the firm style of N. T. Bish & Son.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Bish have been born three children: George William, his father's partner; Susan Addie, who died in 1889 at the age of sixteen years; and Ray Clemmer, born in 1890. The parents hold membership in the Grace Reformed church and their influence is always on the side of justice, truth and progress. Mr. Bish votes with the democracy but has never sought the rewards of office for party fealty. His life has been quietly passed in devotion to the duties that have devolved upon him through his business relations, and the secret of his success lies in his trustworthiness, industry and commercial integrity.

ROBERT J. CARROLL, M. D.

Dr. Robert J. Carroll, who for ten years has been a representative of the medical fraternity in active practice in Dayton, was born in Huntsville, Logan county, Ohio, in 1870, and was there reared and attended school. His preliminary education was supplemented by a two years' course in the Normal College at Ada, Ohio, and when he had determined upon the practice of medicine as his life work he took up a course of study in the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati, being graduated therefrom with the class of 1892. He first located for practice in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and later made his home for a time in Indianapolis, Indiana, after which he returned to his native state and has since practiced in Dayton, opening an office here in December, 1899. He is an industrious man, imbued with the laudable desire to make the most of his opportunities, and the value of his professional service is indicated in his growing prac-

tice. He is a member of the American Medical Association, as well as local organizations among the medical fraternity.

In 1896, in Dayton, Dr. Carroll was married to Miss Elizabeth Diemunsch, and they have two sons, Charles A. and Thomas J. The family residence is at 1728 Brown street and the Doctor's office is at 1007 the same street. He belongs to the Catholic church and in politics is somewhat independent. He is, however, interested in matters of general progress and improvement but confines his attention and labors largely to his professional duties. Of late years he has become much interested in the treatment of disease by means of electricity and is making a specialty of electro-therapeutics, with which he has had excellent success, especially in the treatment of malignant growths and chronic diseases, having already succeeded in curing cancers incurable by other means.

CHARLES E. WEAVER.

Charles E. Weaver, principal of the schools of district No. 9, Harrison township, and the owner of ninety acres of fine farm land in Preble county, near Manchester, Ohio, was born in Liberty, Montgomery county, September 23, 1858, his parents being Martin V. and Eliza Weaver. His paternal grandfather, Jacob Weaver, came to this state from Maryland early in the nineteenth century, being one of its early settlers. He first located in Greene county, where he lived upon a farm with a Mr. Sanders, and later came to Montgomery county, clearing one hundred and sixty acres of land which became the Weaver homestead. Upon this farm he passed his last years in retirement from active labor. His wife in her maidenhood had been Miss Catharine Jordan.

Martin V. Weaver, the father of our subject, was born near Spring Valley in Greene county, Ohio, and in early life worked as a mechanic but later turned his attention to farming. He married Miss Eliza Zehring, who died at Johnsville, May 20, 1896, and his death occurred at the same place on the 17th of January, 1900. In the family of this worthy couple were eight children, namely: Warren A., a resident of Grangeville, Newton county, Missouri; Allen R., deceased; Alvin C. and Alma M., both residents of Dayton; Helen I., deceased; Charles E., of this review; and Edward L. and Arthur G., both deceased.

Charles E. Weaver obtained a good education at many schools and colleges, though the larger part of his higher training was acquired after he began teaching. For after a course at Otterbein University, Westerville, Ohio, which supplemented the schooling obtained in Johnsville, he began his career as a teacher and spent his summers in study and wider preparation for his profession. These summer courses began in 1882 at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, followed two years later by work at the Northwestern Normal at Danville, Indiana. In 1885 he went to Oberlin, where he took a commercial course, and in 1892 went to Lebanon.

Two days before Christmas, 1894, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Iva A. Ziler, a daughter of Daniel and Maria (Bennett) Ziler, of Darke county, Ohio. Her mother, who was born in Johnsville, October 21, 1842, died in Ansonia,

Darke county, March 18, 1900, but her father, whose birth occurred near Harper's Ferry in Virginia, September 26, 1830, is still living at the age of seventy-nine years on the old homestead at Ansonia and enjoys good health. His brother, Joseph B. Ziler, served throughout the Civil war and for a time was private cook for General Sherman. He is still living at Ansonia at the age of eighty-one years. Mrs. Weaver has two brothers, Perry E. and Frank L., both residents of Ansonia. She, too, has engaged in school teaching, following that profession for three years in Ansonia. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Weaver: Olive May and Ralph Emerson, both in school; and Lois Edna.

Mr. Weaver is a man of poise and ability who accepts seriously the responsibility and trust placed in his hands. The guidance of teachers and youths to a desire for the best in education is a noble task and one not lightly to be bestowed on any man nor accepted in any but a conscientious spirit. That Mr. Weaver appreciates all that his position means his years of service demonstrate. He and his family attend the Memorial Baptist church of Dayton, but his parents were members of the United Brethren church.

WILLIAM A. EWING, M. D.

Dr. William A. Ewing is deserving of mention with the medical fraternity of Dayton as in his practice he holds to a high standard of professional ethics and is meeting with excellent success as he makes his daily round of calls, performing every service with a sense of conscientious obligation. Born on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1876, he is descended from a family of Scotch origin that was founded in Maryland in the seventeenth century. The branch to which Dr. Ewing belongs was later represented in Kentucky and afterward in Montgomery county, Ohio, its representatives taking an active and helpful part in the pioneer development of the different states. His great grandfather arrived in Montgomery county in 1797, removing from Kentucky to this state when it was still under territorial rule. From that time to the present the family has been active in promoting the work of public improvement in this county, contributing in substantial measure to its general growth and progress. The grandfather, John Ewing, was born in this county in 1802, devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits and reached the venerable age of eighty years ere he was called to his final rest in 1882.

His son, William G. Ewing, the father of Dr. Ewing, was born on the old family homestead in Montgomery county in 1826. He was here reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life, sharing in all of the hardships and difficulties that fall to the lot of the early settler. As the years passed by he gave substantial assistance in the work of promoting the material development of this section. Following the discovery of gold in California he made his way to the Pacific coast, traveling across the long stretches of hot sand and through the mountain passes to the Golden state, where he remained for five years. He then returned to Montgomery county and at the time of the Civil war responded to the call for troops to serve for one hundred days. When the war was over he once

more took up his abode in this county, continuing his residence in Ohio until his death in 1891.

Dr. Ewing was a little lad of six years when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Darke county, Ohio, where his youthful days were passed on the home farm, the work of field and meadow early becoming familiar to him. He completed his more specifically literary education in the high school at Greenville, Ohio, and in the State University at Columbus, where he continued his studies for a year. His professional training was received in the Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1900, and he put his theoretical training to the practical test in the Miami Valley Hospital, at Dayton, where he served as interne for a year, gaining the broad and valuable experience of hospital practice, which proved an excellent preparation for the professional labors that have since devolved upon him as he has continued in private practice in Dayton. At present he is a member of the staff of Miami Valley Hospital. His labors have been attended with gratifying success when viewed from both professional and financial standpoints and his patronage is constantly increasing.

In 1902 Dr. Ewing was united in marriage to Miss Emeline Davenport, of Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, and they have an interesting little daughter, Mary. Dr. and Mrs. Ewing are widely and favorably known in the social circles of the city. He is a member of the Masons and Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and gives his political allegiance to the republican party but is not an active worker in its ranks aside from casting his ballot in support of its principles. He concentrates his attention upon his professional duties and keeps abreast with the most progressive methods of the medical fraternity through his connection with the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Society, the Montgomery County Medical Society and the Dayton Academy of Medicine. Of the last named he was president in 1907. In the years which have followed since he left college he has continued a student of the fundamental principles of medicine and while he is not quick to discard the old and time-tried methods of practice at the same time he is quick to adopt any new idea which his judgment sanctions as of essential value in professional circles.

JOHN W. AULL.

John W. Aull is the secretary and general manager of The Aull Brothers Paper & Box Company of Dayton, in which connection he is a well known representative of the productive industries of the city. He was born here in 1866 and is a son of Nicholas L. Aull, of whom extended mention is made on another page of this volume in connection with the sketch of F. N. Aull, a brother of our subject.

John W. Aull was reared in Dayton and at the usual age entered the public schools, wherein he passed through consecutive grades until he reached the age of thirteen years. At that time he entered business circles and has since been dependent entirely upon his own resources so that he justly deserves all

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the praise indicated in the term a self-made man. He entered the employ of R. A. Rogers & Company, wholesale paper manufacturers, and that he was reliable, competent and faithful is indicated in the fact that he continued with the house for fifteen years. He was sent upon the road as a traveling salesman when seventeen years of age and thus represented the house among its patrons for ten years. Desirous, however, of engaging in business for himself, he carefully saved his earnings and at length he and his two brothers, F. N. and W. J. Aull, embarked in the wholesale paper business on their own account and gradually transformed the enterprise into that of which they are now the owners. The firm was incorporated under the name of The Aull Brothers Paper & Box Company, with John W. Aull as secretary and general manager. This has been his official connection with the business continuously since and in a position of administrative direction and executive control he has shown himself thoroughly familiar with the trade and has given evidence of his power in business lines in his ready appreciation for and utilization of opportunities.

Mr. Aull was married in 1901 in Dayton to Miss Mary L. Harries, a daughter of John L. Harries. He belongs to the Dayton City Club, to the Bicycle Club and to the Dayton Country Club and is a man of genial social nature, whose deference for the opinions of others, combined with a kindly generous spirit, has made him popular with a large circle of friends. In his political views he is a republican, but while he supports the party at the polls he does not seek or desire office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, his capable conduct thereof being evidenced in the success which is attending his efforts.

EMIL SCHULTZE.

Emil Schultze, the leading merchant of Harrison township, is the sole owner of a well equipped grocery and meat market on the corner of Fairview avenue and Catalpa drive. He was born near Berlin, Germany, on the 9th of June, 1889, his parents being Julius and Emma (Seitz) Schultze. The paternal grandfather, who followed mercantile pursuits throughout his active business career, spent his entire life in Germany. Julius Schultze, the father of our subject, learned the butchering business in Germany and after crossing the Atlantic to the United States he lived for a short time in Galena, Illinois. Subsequently he came to Dayton, Ohio, and here gave his attention to various occupations. His family numbered eight children, namely: Emil, of this review; Richard; Emma; Julius; Anna; Charles; and Minnie and Edith, twins. All still survive and are residents of Montgomery county.

Emil Schultz was but two years of age when brought by his parents to the United States and, as before stated, the family home was first established in Galena, Illinois, where Mr. Schultze of this review began his education in the common schools. His mental training was further continued in Dayton, Ohio, following the removal of his parents to this place and on putting aside his textbooks he entered the employ of the National Cash Register Company. The fact that he remained with that concern for fourteen years stands in incontrovertible

proof of his promptness and capability in the discharge of the duties assigned him and during this period he carefully saved his earnings with a view to acquiring capital sufficient to enable him to begin business on his own account. About two years ago he established a grocery store at the corner of Fairview avenue and Catalpa drive, which is now the leading enterprise of the character in Harrison township. He is the sole proprietor of the business and in addition to dealing in groceries and meats also conducts a feed business, meeting with a most gratifying and commendable measure of prosperity in his undertakings because of his honorable business methods, his earnest desire to please his patrons and his close application. The neat and tasteful arrangement of the store and the excellent line of goods which he sells have secured to him a gratifying and growing patronage.

On the 7th of January, 1902, Mr. Schultze was united in marriage to Miss Doris Martin, a daughter of Henry and Caroline (Meinike) Martin. The father, who was a native of Germany, took up his abode in Dayton, Ohio, after emigrating to the United States with his family. He had ten children, as follows: Ernest; Lena; Carl; Louise; Henry and Doris, twins; Mary; Wilhelm; Minnie; and Henry. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Schultze have been born three children: Florence H., Theodore J., and Harold E. Mr. Schultze finds his greatest delight in his home and family.

Fraternally Mr. Schultze is identified with Gem City Camp of the Modern Woodmen at Dayton, Ohio. He is a trustee of the German Baptist church and does all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. By perseverance, determination and honorable effort he has overthrown the obstacles which barred his path to success and reached the goal of prosperity, while his genuine personal worth has won him the warm regard and esteem of all with whom he has been associated.

ALLEN W. SOMERS.

Allen W. Somers, postmaster of Brookville, his native city, was born September 5, 1875, and is a son of Ephraim and Catherine Somers. The father, also a native of this county, was in early life a school teacher, following that profession for about twelve years. He filled the position of justice of the peace and notary public for twelve years prior to his death, and in the discharge of his official duties made a most creditable record. He passed away October 16, 1900, and is still survived by his widow, who yet resides in Brookville.

Allen W. Somers, after acquiring his preliminary education in the schools of Brookville, later attended the Dayton Commercial College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1893. He afterward learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for about eight years, at the end of which time he entered the employ of the Citizens' Banking Company as assistant cashier. That position he filled for three years, at the end of which time he resigned to become postmaster of Brookville, to which position he was appointed on the 22d of February, 1906. He has made a most creditable record in this connection for

the business of the office is carefully systematized and he is most prompt in the distribution of the mails and in all of the work connected with the position. He has also filled other places of public trust, the duties of which he has discharged in a most faithful and loyal manner. For three years he was clerk of Clay township and for two years was clerk of the village. On the 10th of February, 1906, he was appointed notary public and is still acting in that capacity, having again been commissioned in February, 1909. In 1908 he was elected justice of the peace and his decisions in that connection have been strictly fair and impartial, being at all times based upon the law and the equity in the case.

Mr. Somers was married on the 22d of June, 1898, to Miss Maud E. Berst, of Brookville, a daughter of A. C. Berst, an ex-superintendent of the county infirmary and now a resident of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Somers have two children, Ruby H. and Catherine E. Mr. Somers is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Knights of Pythias lodge, while his religious belief is manifest in his membership in the United Brethren church. In his political views he is a republican and has always been active in the work of the party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise. He has several times acted as chairman of the local committee of his party and does all in his power to promote its growth and secure its success. His citizenship is of a high order and his devotion to the general good no man questions seriously.

WILLIAM H. SWISHER, M. D.

Dr. William H. Swisher, coroner of Montgomery county, who since 1903 has engaged in the general practice of medicine in Dayton, was born in Campbellstown, Ohio, in February, 1875, a son of Henry and Sarah (Bulla) Swisher. His father died in Campbellstown, June 27, 1905, but the mother is still living and now makes her home in Richmond. She is a daughter of Joseph M. and Nancy Bulla, of Boston, Indiana. The Doctor's paternal grandfather was William Swisher, who served throughout the war of 1812, and his discharge papers are now in possession of our subject. He came to this state from Charlottesville, West Virginia, in 1789, and after leaving the army served as justice of the peace in Preble county for a number of years. Dr. Swisher has one sister, Minnie E., now the wife of George W. Murray, of Dublin, Indiana.

In the place of his nativity the Doctor made his home until he had attained manhood. He attended school in that place and was also a student in the high school in Richmond, Indiana, while in preparation for a business career he pursued a course in pharmacy in the Ohio State University at Columbus, from which he was graduated with the class of 1896. He then entered the Eclectic Medical Institute, where he completed the course by graduation in 1898. His knowledge of pharmacy has been of great value to him in the practice of medicine and in the latter line he has continually promoted his efficiency by broad reading and investigation. He practiced at Eaton in partnership with Dr. C. W. Conley until 1899 and then went to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he remained for six months.

On the expiration of that period he located at Campbellstown, Ohio, where he practiced successfully until 1903, when, seeking the broader field of labor and the wider opportunities offered in a city practice, he came to Dayton. Here he has since remained, receiving a good patronage, and in the round of his professional visits he displays conscientious understanding of the obligations that devolve upon him. In November, 1908, he was elected coroner of Montgomery county on the democratic ticket. He belongs to the Ohio Eclectic Medical Association; to the Dayton Medical Society, of which he is secretary; and to the National Eclectic Medical Association.

On the 5th of October, 1902, Dr. Swisher was married in New Paris, Ohio, to Miss Cora Agnes Murray, and they have one son, Murray, born September 23, 1908. Mrs. Swisher is one of a family of seven children. Her father, James Murray, was born in 1843 and during the Civil war entered the service as a member of Campany F, One Hundred and Fifty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died at his home near New Paris, March 25, 1905. His widow still survives.

Dr. Swisher in his fraternal relations is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Woodmen of the World and the modern Woodmen of America, and his associates in those orders find him a genial companion who at all times manifests deference for the opinions of others, while at the same time his own ideas are clear-cut and forceful.

JOHN J. HOOVER.

John J. Hoover, practicing at the Dayton bar as a successful attorney, was born in Grafton, Pennsylvania, December 3, 1869. His youthful days were there passed to the age of about nineteen years, during which time he attended the public schools, continuing his studies in Juniata College, at Huntingdon, Pennsylvania, from which institution he was graduated with the B. E. degree in the class of 1889. He afterward engaged in teaching school for three years in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and also spent three years as a representative of the teacher's profession in Butler county, Ohio. On the expiration of that period he removed to Dayton and was upon the road for two years, representing the firm of McClung Brothers, cigar dealers of this city. Thinking, however, to find the profession of law a more congenial pursuit, he entered the Cincinnati Law School, and following his graduation in 1894, he opened an office in Dayton, where he has practiced continuously since. His knowledge of the law and his ability in correctly applying its principles have brought him a good clientage, his success being demonstrated in the extent and importance of the legal interests entrusted to his care.

Mr. Hoover is also recognized as a leader in democratic circles in Dayton, and while the party is in the minority here he has been honored with its nominations, having been a candidate for the school board at one time and again for the legislature. He now holds membership in Gravel Hall Club, a democratic organization. In his fraternal relations he is a Knight of Pythias and belongs to

the Modern Woodmen of America. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in Grace Reformed church.

In 1895 Mr. Hoover was united in marriage to Miss Maud Brosier, and they have four children, Miriam Lucille, John Ruskin, Earl Reese and Rodney Robert. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have many warm friends in Dayton, where they have always resided. Mr. Hoover is a gentleman of genial manner and unfailing courtesy, whose interests are not narrowed down to those things which affect only himself and his success but reach out along broader lines, finding manifestation in his genial interest in and laudable spirit toward municipal affairs that affect the growth, progress and improvement of his city.

GEORGE W. MEARICK.

It is a well known fact that from humble clerkships have come some of the most able, progressive and successful merchants of the country, in which connection George W. Mearick is deserving of mention, being widely recognized as a dynamic force in the commercial circles of Dayton, for he is today at the head of the Mearick Cloak House, the largest establishment of this character in the middle west.

He was born in Irvine, Kentucky, in 1854 and there resided until 1863, when his parents removed with their family to a farm in Darke county, Ohio. Eighteen months later a removal was made to Hill Grove, Darke county, where they continued for five or six years and then went to Union City, Indiana. In the meantime George W. Mearick had availed himself of the educational opportunities offered in the different localities. After the removal of the family to Indiana he attended the Kline Commercial College at Evansville, that state, being there graduated on the completion of the regular course in 1871.

He made his initial step in the business world in Evansville, spending two or three years as a clerk in a dry-goods store, after which he returned to Union City, Indiana, where he engaged in clerking for two or three years. In 1884 he came to Dayton and entered the dry-goods store of Rike, Hassler & Company, whom he represented as a salesman for two years. At the end of that time he went with the D. L. Rike Company, with whom he continued for ten or eleven years, at the end of which time he utilized the capital, which he had acquired through his labors in the establishment of the Mearick Cloak House. While the beginning was comparatively small he has developed the enterprise until it is today the largest of the kind in the west. The trade has been conducted in accordance with the strictest commercial ethics and the business is managed along the most progressive and modern lines. Mr. Mearick, as the head of the house, is continually forming new plans for the expansion of its interests and his ideas are based upon knowledge gained from broad practical experience and from a close study of market conditions. His house is attractive in its appointments and equipments and, having surrounded himself with an able corps of assistants, business is dispatched in the most prompt and accurate manner. Moreover he has worked upon the theory that satisfied patrons are the best advertisement

and his success today proves the worth of his policy. In addition to his mercantile interests Mr. Mearick is connected with the Bower Roller Bearing Company of Dayton as its vice president.

In 1877 in Hartford City, Indiana, Mr. Mearick was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Clouser, a daughter of Dr. N. D. Clouser and unto them have been born four children: Carrie E., Nelson W., Winnifred K. and Hazel M. The parents attend the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Mearick gives his political support to the republican party and holds membership in the Chamber of Commerce. One of his contemporaries in the business circles of Dayton characterized him as, "a very substantial and prosperous merchant and a very keen observer of business and city affairs who, by his honesty of purpose, sterling character and strict adherence to high business principles, has become one of the foremost merchants and citizens of Dayton."

RIENZI RUSH SHANK, M. D.

Dr. Rienzi Rush Shank, a prominent and successful medical practitioner of Montgomery county, located at Trotwood, was born in this city on the 14th day of December, 1869, his parents being Dr. A. M. and Delilah (Fry) Shank, while the paternal grandparents were Dr. Peter and Mary (Miller) Shank. The grandfather was born near Hagerstown, Maryland, and when a young man drove across the country in a wagon, settling on a section of land in Jefferson township, Montgomery county, Ohio. At the time of his demise, which occurred in Dayton, Ohio, he was about ninety years of age and was laid to rest in Jefferson township. The grandmother was called to her final rest in 1859 and her remains were likewise interred in Jefferson township.

Dr. A. M. Shank, the father of our subject, was born near Frytown, in Jefferson township, and subsequently took up his abode in Stringtown and later in Trotwood, which was a swamp at the time of his arrival. In his early manhood he followed the profession of school teaching but for thirty-six years was numbered among the leading and successful physicians here, being a graduate of the Medical College of Ohio. His family numbered eight children, namely: Ambrose E., a resident of Trotwood; Ulysses S., of Lynchburg, Ohio; Rienzi Rush, of this review; Lon O., of Dayton; Iona, deceased; and three who died in infancy.

Dr. R. R. Shank supplemented his preliminary education, acquired in the schools of Trotwood and Dayton, by a course in the old Central high school, from which he was graduated. Subsequently he was engaged in teaching in Madison township for a period of four years and for two years followed that profession in the Trotwood high school, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he had acquired. In 1896 he entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati and after graduating from that institution he came at once to Trotwood, Ohio, having since been numbered among the well known and prosperous representatives of his calling in this county. He keeps in touch with the onward march of the profession through his membership in the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Association and the American

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Medical Association and that he is an able and skilled practitioner is indicated in the large patronage that is accorded him. He also has a creditable military record, having served as medical corps man under Colonel Hunt, of Cincinnati, in the Spanish-American war. He was honorably discharged at Huntsville and now belongs to the Spanish-American War Veterans.

On the 12th of June, 1900, Dr. Shank was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary E. Spitler, of Perry township, a daughter of Ephraim E. and Jennie (Worley) Spitler, and a member of a very prominent old family of the state. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Shank have been born four children: Catharine E., Paul J., Alberta L. and John T.

Fraternally Dr. Shank is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America at Trotwood; Iola Lodge, K. P., of Dayton; and the Odd Fellows lodge No. 754, in which he has passed through all of the chairs and is now past grand master. He is also identified with the Masonic fraternity at Brookville, and his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Christian church of Trotwood. Both he and his wife are members of prominent and well known old families of the county and throughout the long period of their residence here they have gained the kindly regard and esteem of those with whom they have come in contact.

JOHN REESE.

John Reese, prominent among the hardware merchants of Dayton, is well known as a dealer in stoves. Few men of his years continue active in business but Mr. Reese, although he has now passed the seventy-third milestone on life's journey, is actively connected with commercial interests. Ohio numbers him among her native sons, for his birth occurred in the city of Springfield, October 3, 1835, his parents being Philip and Polly (Yost) Reese, in whose family of seven children John Reese was the fourth in order of birth. The father was a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, born in 1804, and after living for some time in Springfield, Ohio, he removed to Dayton in 1844, continuing a resident of this city until his death in 1859. He had been married in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to Miss Polly Yost, and of their seven children six are now living. The family is of German lineage and it is thought that the grandfather, Philip Reese, was born in Germany, his death occurring in Dayton in 1854.

John Reese of this review was in his eighth year when he accompanied his parents to Dayton, and in the schools of this city he was educated, pursuing his studies in that manner until seventeen years of age, when he took up the more difficult lessons in the school of experience. He entered the tin shop of Henry Yost on the 1st of March, 1853, and for five years was there employed. Among his fellow workmen in that establishment was Henry Callahan and in 1858 they joined forces and bought out their employer, forming a partnership which continued for thirty years, or until the 10th of April, 1888. The relation between them was then dissolved but each continued in business in Dayton and John Reese is today numbered among the oldest and most respected hardware mer-

chants of the city. Mr. Reese is conducting a large and profitable business, his long experience making him most capable in the direction of his affairs.

On the 31st of March, 1859, in this city, was celebrated the marriage of John Reese and Miss Eliza Turner. They have now traveled life's journey happily together for fifty years, sharing with each other the joys and sorrows, the adversity and prosperity which checker the careers of all. Their marriage was blessed with four children: Jeremiah, Jacob J. and Walter, all residents of Dayton; and Carrie, the wife of James Crandall, of Elyria, Ohio.

Mr. Reese has always given his political support to the republican party since its organization, believing it to be the party of reform, progress and improvement. He attends the First Baptist church and in his life has always stood four square to every wind that blows. His commercial integrity and his personal worth none ever question, his substantial qualities gaining for him the unqualified regard, confidence and good will of his business colleagues and his associates in other relations of life.

PERRY APPLE.

Perry Apple, a farmer and stock raiser of Germantown, Montgomery county, Ohio, was born on the farm upon which he now lives, January 27, 1867, the son of Henry and Catherine (Meckley) Apple. The name Henry was borne by a son in this family for three generations continuously, the great-grandfather, Henry Apple, being the son of John Apple, who was of German descent. This Henry came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, and in the course of his long and useful life, followed several occupations, all very necessary in those early days. He was a blacksmith by trade, farmed for his vocation and also ran a distillery that was famous for its applejack, creating fame and reputation for its owner. Henry Apple, the grandfather of our subject was born in Pennsylvania in 1802 and was but three years old when his father came to this county and entered land in Jackson townshp. Henry Apple, the third, was born in this locality on the 6th of August, 1835, and like his parents before him followed the life of a tiller of the soil, bequeathing some of his skill and fondness for the life to those who have come after him. Catherine Meckley Apple, the mother of Perry Apple, was born in Pennsylvania, in February, 1804, the daughter of Michael and Nancy (Keener) Meckley.

With so noble a heritage of birth and descent Perry Apple was endowed for the struggles of life. All his years have been passed on his present farm, so that it may well be asserted that he knows the character of the land he tills. The raising of stock of different kinds soon appealed to him with greater attractiveness than the mere growing of produce for market. As he was able to specialize in his breeding, he selected polled Durham cattle, Poland China hogs and Plymouth Rock chickens. He has been more than ordinarily successful in his ventures and his stock is among the finest of its kind, and yet his farm has not been neglected. He keeps it in excellent shape, being a man who realizes

the value of care in little things that he may have a large return of the things that are greater.

Alone has Mr. Apple faced the struggles and trials of this life; his wife, who before her marriage was Miss Amelia Catherine Leis, has been his help-meet and companion for eighteen years, during which time she has proved how indispensable are her ministrations. They were married March 12, 1891, when she lacked three months of being twenty years of age.

She is a member of the Reformed church, while Mr. Apple is a Lutheran in religious belief and has served as deacon of his church for a number of years. As both a stock raiser and a farmer he has worked hard, but the returns the years have brought him have fully repaid him for this outlay of labor. His fields, always among the first to be tilled, his buildings and fences ever in the best of repair, bespeak the good workman, the man of thrift and the home where good management points the way along which success will travel.

REV. WILLIAM JOHN SHUEY.

In all those interests which are agencies for intellectual and moral progress Rev. William John Shuey is deeply interested and his cooperation therein has been an active and beneficial factor for growth and development. He is, moreover, a business man of keen discernment, strong and practical in action, and therefore accomplishes substantial results. He has now passed the eighty-second milestone on life's journey but in spirit and interest seems yet in his prime. While he retired from business life he has never ceased to feel a deep interest in the world's work and his is an old age which has grown stronger and brighter mentally and spiritually as the years have gone by, giving out of the rich stores of his wisdom and experience for the benefit of others.

Rev. Shuey was born in Miamisburg, Montgomery county, Ohio, February 9, 1827. His parents were Adam and Hannah (Aley) Shuey. The father was born in Pennsylvania in 1799 and was six years of age when brought to Montgomery county by his father, Martin Shuey. The mother, a native of Maryland, also born in 1799, was a little maiden of six summers when her father, Isaac Aley, located near Dayton. After mastering the branches taught in the common schools, Rev. Shuey attended the academy at Springfield, Ohio, and afterward engaged in teaching in the public schools in that locality. In 1843 he joined the United Brethren church and, taking up religious work, received a license to preach from the Miami conference in 1848 and was ordained by Bishop Erb in 1851. From 1849 he served for two years as pastor of the church at Lewisburg, Ohio, and from 1851 until 1859 occupied a pastorate at Cincinnati. He was engaged in pastoral duties in Dayton from 1860 until 1862 and in the latter year became presiding elder, so serving until 1864. In 1854 he was appointed the first missionary of the church to Africa and the following year in company with the Rev. D. K. Flickinger and Dr. D. C. Kummer, he made a voyage to that land for the purpose of selecting a site for a mission.

In 1864 Rev. Shuey turned his attention to other lines in connection with the extension of the church work and its influences, being in that year appointed assistant agent of the publishing house at Dayton, Ohio, while in 1865 he was elected senior agent and by the successive resignation of two assistant agents became sole agent in 1866, retaining the position up to 1897, when he was elected financial manager of Union Biblical Seminary, where he served to the time of his retirement. All through the years he has remained an active factor in various departments of the church work; has been a delegate to nine different general conferences, serving as secretary of one; was a member of the board of missions for about three decades; and was one of the first directors of the Church Erection Society. On the organization of the General Sabbath School Association he became superintendent, thus serving for twelve years. He was connected with Otterbein University as a trustee for fourteen years and was a member of the executive committee of the Union Biblical Seminary. He was also a member of the church commission and in 1889 became one of the newly incorporated board of trustees of the church, so continuing until 1901. For thirty-five years he has been a trustee of the First United Brethren church at Dayton, is a member of the Montgomery County Bible Society and president of the Dayton United Brethren Ministers Society. All through the years he has kept in close touch with the constantly expanding interests of the church and the newly organized branches of this work, and his efforts have been far-reaching and beneficial. He has written many valuable articles relating to the church and in 1859 was associated with Rev. D. K. Flickinger in the preparation of a volume called Discourses on Doctrinal & Practical Subjects. He was the editor of various year books of the church, beginning in 1867, and in 1865 became the editor of the general conference minutes. In 1880 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Hartville University but was declined.

In 1848 Rev. Shuey was married to Miss Sarah Berger, of Springfield, and their living children are: Edwin L. and William A. Shuey. In community affairs Rev. Shuey has been interested and active. He has been a member of the Dayton board of education and of the Board of Trade; a member of the directorate of the Fourth National Bank; and vice president of the Union Safe Deposit & Trust Company of Dayton. In his relations to the public he has maintained an unassailable record for loyalty, reliability and public spirit. His support has been withheld from no philanthropic, benevolent or educational movements relative to the city's best interests, and wherever known he is held in high regard for his upright life entitles him to the unqualified respect of his fellowmen.

FRANK J. KINZIG.

Frank J. Kinzig, a wholesale and retail butcher at No. 8, Central Market, Dayton, Ohio, and the owner of six acres of land on the old Troy pike, about two and a half miles north of Dayton, was born March 11, 1871, in this city and in the south end of town. His father, Charles Kinzig, was born and educated in Germany, but when a very young man he left his native home and came direct to Day-

ton. Here he worked at first for various concerns, until by industry and thrift he was able to save enough money to enable him to go into the butcher business with his brother. This venture, however, did not prove to be successful, so after a time he disposed of his interests and started in business for himself on Valley street, North Dayton, where he was located until his death. In his youth he had married Miss Margaret Boeckman, who bore him ten children: Charles; Frank J.; John; Harry, deceased; Joseph; Louis; William; Mamie; Tena; and Gertrude, deceased.

Frank J. Kinzig, received his early education in the schools of Dayton and acquired his trade working for his father. Like all self-made men who have achieved success in their occupation, he soon learned the value of industry and good management. He was a diligent and assiduous worker and seventeen years ago had saved enough money to establish himself in the butcher business. This was started on a small capital, but he soon worked it up to its present importance and high standard. His substantial eleven room house, furnished with all the modern conveniences, stands as an additional evidence of his energy and thrift. He has not limited his connections with the business world, however, to butchering, but as a stockholder is interested in the development of the Northern Portland Cement Company, and as vice-president of the Bartrel Brothers Company keeps abreast of the times in printing and binding.

On the 20th of October, 1892, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Kinzig and Miss Louise Stumpp, the daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Mack) Stumpp. Jacob Stumpp now lives in Dayton. In his family were eleven children, of whom Mrs. Kinzig was the second. Mr. and Mrs. Kinzig are the parents of two daughters: Margaret, who is in her first year in the Steele high school, has a number of friends in Dayton and is frequently one of the little social gatherings in the city. Florence, who attends the Kiser school, still lives quietly at home. The family attend the Holy Rosary church.

As a member of The Young Butchers Society Mr. Kinzig keeps informed of the progress in his business and of the interests of his fellow workers in the same occupation. He is also a member of the Harugari Society and is active in his participation in all the functions connected with the lodge. In short Mr. Kinzig is a young business man with many interests and a commendable breadth of outlook. By many sterling qualities he has proved his right to succeed in the battles of the business world. He is found to be honorable in all his dealings and ever evinces a sincere desire to satisfy completely those who give him their trade.

JACOB F. SCHNEIDER.

Success in business has come to Jacob F. Schneider by reason of his well directed energy, close application and ready adaptability. He is now a member of the J. K. McIntire Company, in which connection he has become well known in the commercial circles of Dayton. One of Ohio's native sons, he was born in Lewisburg, Preble county, in 1858, and was there reared, while the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. He passed through successive grades

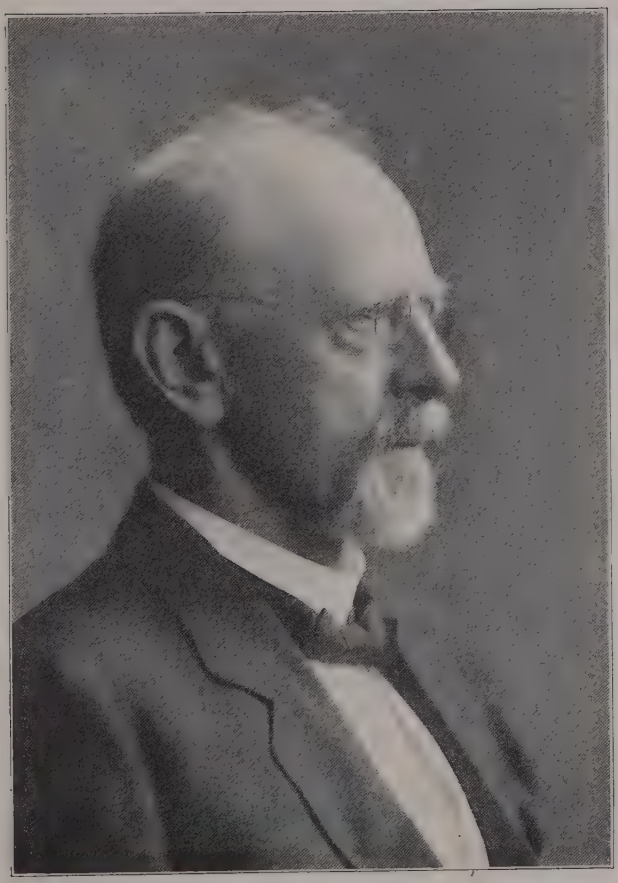
until he had reached the age of fifteen years, when he put aside his text-books and soon afterward came to Dayton. Here he pursued a course of study in preparation for a business career, being graduated in 1880 from the Miami Commercial College. He then entered the employ of J. K. McIntire & Company in the capacity of assistant bookkeeper and his capability, thoroughness and trustworthiness were such that from time to time he was promoted and in 1888 was admitted to a partnership, becoming a member of the J. K. McIntire Company.

Mr. Schneider was married in 1881, in Lewisburg, Ohio, to Miss Ida J. Busby, and they have one daughter, Stella B., now the wife of Dr. Rome Webster. Mr. Schneider belongs to the Masonic fraternity and to the Comas Club. He is also a loyal member of the St. John's Lutheran church, taking an active and helpful interest in its work, while for a quarter of a century he has acted as its secretary. His political views are in accord with the principles of the democratic party and though he does not desire office he is interested in the success of the party and in the advancement of all those interests which are a source of the city's growth and upbuilding.

AUGUST SNYDER.

August Snyder, proprietor of the Globe Steam Laundry, in which connection his capable management is bringing a fair measure of success, was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1847, in which country his parents spent their entire lives, the father dying in 1873 and the mother in 1886. The early life of our subject was spent in the acquirement of an education and in various business duties, but feeling that financial returns came more quickly on this side of the Atlantic than in the older, more thickly settled and more conservative countries of Europe, he determined to try his fortune in the United States and in 1880 arrived in America. He has been a resident of Dayton since 1893, in which year he established a grocery store, conducting it with success until 1899, when he opened a laundry. He has now for ten years continued in that line of business, conducting a profitable and growing enterprise under the name of the Globe Steam Laundry. He has a well equipped plant supplied with the latest machinery for carrying on the business and the excellence of the work which he turns out insures him a continuance of a liberal and growing patronage. He is also known as one of the directors and the vice president of the Permanent Building Association and his business interests are thus increasing in volume and importance.

Mr. Snyder was married in Germany in 1872 to Miss Lina Lueckhoff, a daughter of Henry Lueckhoff, a merchant of Dillenburg, Germany, who died in that country in 1884. Mrs. Snyder's mother passed away in 1876. Unto our subject and his wife have been born four children: Amelia, the wife of William Evers; Charles L.; Robert C.; and Otto A. Mr. Snyder gives his political support to the republican party. He belongs to the Protected Home Circle and to the German Reformed church, associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests. As the years have gone by his persistency of purpose,



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combined with tireless energy, has brought him a substantial measure of success and he feels that he has never had occasion to regret his determination to leave his native country and seek the opportunities offered by the western world.

JAMES LOGAN SENSENY.

Dayton is largely a center for the work of the United Brethren denomination and from this point its influence, in continually broadening circles, is reaching out to all parts of the world. James Logan Senseny is well known as the general superintendent of the United Brethren Publishing House of Dayton and adds to his profound interest in the work of the church marked business ability that well qualifies him for the control and management of the interests which come under his direction in his present official position.

He was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, October 15, 1858. For three hundred years the Senseny family has brought forth many distinguished representatives of the medical fraternity. The great-grandfather of James L. Senseny was Dr. Abraham Senseny, president of a famous medical college in Germany, and his son, Dr. Jeremiah Senseny, also a native of Germany, attained prominence in the profession, while Dr. A. H. Senseny, an uncle of our subject, was one of the distinguished physicians of the Cumberland valley of Pennsylvania. He was offered, but declined, the presidency of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia. He had four sons, all of whom attained prominence in the profession.

Jeremiah Senseny, the father of James L. Senseny, was born in Pennsylvania and in early life engaged in mercandising in Chambersburg, that state. He also served for six months in the government service at the time of the Civil war by special request of Governor Curtin, who was then governor of Pennsylvania and in close touch with the government at Washington. He married a daughter of James Logan, who was a non-commissioned officer in the war of 1812 and had a special pension conferred upon him by the United States for services rendered during that conflict. He was one of the pioneer residents of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, where he engaged in the manufacture of tallow candles, conducting a very successful business. His death occurred in 1885 when he had reached an advanced age. Jeremiah Senseny, the father, died in 1874, while the mother passed away in 1906.

James L. Senseny spent his childhood and youth to the age of seventeen years in the city of his nativity, attending the public schools in which he was a pupil when the Confederates under General McCausland burned the city on their raid into the north. He was not quite fifteen years of age at the time of his father's demise and about a year later he put aside his text-books that he might provide for his own support, entering the office of the Franklin Repository, a weekly publication, published at Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, of which Colonel A. K. McClure was then editor. After two years' experience in the office, during which time he largely acquainted himself with all of the different branches of the mechanical side of the business, he was, in 1877, given charge of the composing

room and remained in that position for about a year. He then severed his connection with the Repository in order to establish a daily paper, which was the first in the Cumberland valley. He with a partner purchased the old Allentown Herald and, removing it to Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, continued the publication of the paper as a daily until 1880, when he disposed of his interest in the plant.

In the fall of 1882 Mr. Senseny arrived in Dayton and entered the United Brethren Publishing House in charge of the making-up and composition of the Sunday school periodicals. For five years he acted in that capacity and in 1887 took charge of the mailing room and circulation department, to the duties of which he still devotes his energies although various other interests have been added to the round of his daily tasks. He was made superintendent of the printing department some years ago and in 1907 was appointed general superintendent of the United Brethren Publishing House. In this connection he manifests marked executive ability and capable direction and his practical knowledge of the printing and publishing business are also of immense benefit to him as the controlling head of an enterprise of this character.

In 1879 Mr. Senseny was married in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, to Miss Emma C. Eckel, and they have one daughter, Helen E. The parents are members of the First United Brethren church and Mr. Senseny is also connected with the Chamber of Commerce of Dayton and is keenly alive to the interests and progress of the city. He was one of the organizers and is the secretary of the Riverdale Welfare Club and has served on its executive committee. While not an active worker in the ranks of the republican party in the usually accepted sense of the term politician, he is nevertheless alive to the interests and political problems of the day and has written many articles and editorials relative to the situation, the governmental policy and the possibilities for achievement through restrictive and regulative legislation. He is now a member of the board of five of the Publicity League. He regards it as the duty as well as the privilege of citizenship to uphold measures which the individual deems of benefit in promoting the welfare of the country, and his influence is continually found on the side of government for and by and of the people.

JOHN HERBY.

John Herby is a successful truck gardener and farmer of Harrison township, Montgomery county, his tract of fourteen acres lying on the outskirts of Dayton, his native city. Here he was born June 20, 1861, on Ludlow street, and is a son of John and Jessie (Smith) Herby. The father was a native of England and on coming to the United States he first settled in Dayton. Later he removed from the city and established himself in the potash business in Harrison township, conducting a factory on the bank of Stillwater river. He also engaged to some extent in truck gardening. Ere leaving England Mr. Herby was married and his wife died in that country, leaving one son, William, now residing in Dayton. After reaching the new world he was again married, his second

union being with Jessie Smith, a native of Scotland, and unto this marriage were born eight children: two who died in infancy; John, of this review; Jeanette; Elizabeth B.; Annie M.; James; and Margaret, also deceased.

John Herby, the oldest surviving son of this family acquired his early education in the Perry street school in Dayton and during this period remained at home, assisting his father with his truck gardening. As the years passed he became thoroughly conversant with all the details of this line of activity and subsequently took full charge of the place, which is now in his possession and which he is operating with a creditable degree of success. The place, which was originally his father's, consists of fourteen acres of land adjoining the city of Dayton, and here Mr. Herby is conducting his enterprise along strictly commercial lines, while his business ability and capable management are proving the salient characteristics in his success.

On the 28th of March, 1887, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Herby and Miss Clare Schmidt, a daughter of Frederick and Lenora Schmidt, both natives of Germany. Unto this union were born four children: John E., who married Vesta Bush and has one child, Ralph; Minnie and Jamie, both deceased; and Mary, who is about to take up her high school course. The family home, situated on Highland avenue, is one of the many pretty homes in the township, and standing as it does on the very edge of Dayton, Mr. Herby and his family are able to enjoy the pleasures of rural life combined with the conveniences of the city.

He is a member of the United Brethren church, and in politics gives his allegiance to the republican party. Having passed his entire life in this immediate vicinity he has gained a wide acquaintance and the consensus of public opinion regarding him is favorable, for his life has been characterized by activity and reliability in business, by loyalty in citizenship and by those traits in social life which win warm friendships.

REV. HENRY FRANCIS COLBY.

No history of Dayton's contribution to the religious progress of the world would be complete without extended reference to the labors of the Rev. Henry Francis Colby, who is now living retired but who for thirty-five years was pastor of the First Baptist church of this city. He came here as a young man at the beginning of his ministerial work and gained such a hold upon the affections of his people and the community at large and did such excellent service for the cause that he continued as the pastor until his health forced him to resign. He was born in Roxbury, now a part of Boston, Massachusetts, November 25, 1842. His grandfather, Josiah Colby, was a native of New Hampshire, and died in Fryeburg, Maine. He was a shipbuilder at Bowdoinham, Maine, on the Kennebec river, until his business was ruined by the war of 1812. He was a lineal descendant of Anthony Colby, who was one of the colony that under Governor Winthrop settled Boston. He came to this country from the east coast of England and in all probability was a member of the Colby family of Suffolk, England.

Gardner Colby, the father of Rev. H. F. Colby, was born in Bowdoinham, Maine, and at an early age entered business life in Boston. He was married in Gloucester, Massachusetts, to Miss Mary Lowe Roberts, and unto them were born six children: Gardner Roberts, who died in New York city in 1888; Charles Lewis, who died in 1896, and who at one time was president of the Wisconsin Central Railroad, of which his father had also been the president; Rev. Henry F. Colby, of this review; Joseph Lincoln Colby, living at the old home in Newton Center, Massachusetts; Mary Frances, the wife of Arthur C. Walworth, of Newton Center, Massachusetts; and Georgetta Emeline, the widow of Daniel R. Wolfe, of St. Louis. The father died in 1869 and the mother departed this life August 28, 1895. He not only attained considerable prominence in business circles but was also greatly interested in educational progress and acted as a trustee of Brown University of Providence, Rhode Island, and of Waterville College, of Waterville, Maine, afterward known as Colby University, in his honor, because of his benefactions. He was likewise president of the board of trustees of the Newton Theological Institution of Newton Center, Massachusetts, and he eagerly embraced every opportunity that offered to promote the cause of education.

In 1845 Gardner Colby erected a residence at Newton Center, Massachusetts, seven miles from Boston and there the Rev. Henry F. Colby was reared and attended school. In 1858 he went to Brown University, entering that institution before he was sixteen years of age, while before he reached the age of twenty he was graduated with the second honors of his class, delivering the Latin salutatory. He was also class poet at the class day exercises. The Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon him at his graduation in 1862 and three years later his alma mater extended to him the Master of Arts degree.

After leaving college Rev. Colby spent a few months in New York and, returning to Boston, entered upon the study of law with Henry W. Paine. There he remained for nine months, after which he went broad, traveling for about a year in Europe, Egypt and the Holy Land. Soon after his return to America he entered the Newton Theological Institution at Newton Center, Massachusetts, where he took the regular three years' course and was graduated in June, 1867. About a month prior to his graduation he went to Chicago to attend the National Baptist Anniversaries. There his father, who had accompanied him, met an old friend, Ebenezer Thresher, who was a prominent retired Baptist minister and at that time a leading business man of Dayton, who was in Chicago as a delegate from Dayton to the National Baptist Anniversaries. Henry F. Colby was introduced to Mr. Thresher, who invited him to come to Dayton and preach a sermon in the First Baptist church, then without a pastor. After returning home from Chicago and Dayton he finished his course in the Theological Institution and in September, 1867, came to this city and filled the pulpit on the ensuing Sunday, making such a favorable impression that he was soon called to the pastorate. On the 12th of January, 1868, he was regularly ordained and for thirty-five years remained as pastor of the First Baptist church of Dayton, at the end of which time he was forced to retire on account of ill health, on the 12th of January, 1903. In the years which came and went he did splendid work for the church, organizing various societies to promote its work, while his labors in the

pulpit and as pastor led many to unite with the organization. He did not regard his studies as finished when he left college but has ever remained a broad reader, deep thinker and logical reasoner. Regarding the church not only as a means of perparation for the life to come but for the present life as well, his sermons were of a most practical, helpful character, and at the same time were evidence of his scholarly attainments.

On the 5th of May, 1870, Rev. Colby was married in Boston, Massachusetts, to Miss Mary Lizzie Chamberlin, a daughter of Edward Chamberlin, a Boston business man. Unto this marriage were born seven children, of whom one son died in infancy, while six are yet living. The eldest, Mary Low, is the wife of Brainerd B. Thresher and they have three children, Alden Bliss, Mariel and Sylvia. Edward Chamberlin is an assistant in the Dayton public library. Frank Gardner also resides in this city. Henry Roberts, of Dayton, married Miss Kathryn Ehrenhart, of Springfield, Ohio. Alfred Mansfield is now in St. Paul, Minnesota. Eleanor Thresher completes the family.

Rev. Colby belongs to the Alpha Delta Phi and to the Phi Beta Kappa. Twenty years after his graduation his alma mater conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was long recognized as one of the ablest divines of the Baptist ministry and was well known in connection with other lines of intellectual and moral progress aside from his church. During his pastorate here the growth of the church made it possible to establish three branches in different parts of Dayton. Rev. Colby has been a member of the board of trustees of Denison University at Granville, Ohio, for a long period and has now been president of the board for some time. He was also president of the American Baptist Missionary Union for three successive years, was for three consecutive years president of the Ohio Baptist Convention and is now president of the Miami Valley Hospital Society, in which connection he has served for sixteen years. He has written memoirs of various prominent men and has been a frequent contributor to the church periodicals and reviews, together with other publications. His writings have included various poems. He has ever kept in touch with the living issues of the day, that he might understand men, their lives and their motives, and assist them toward the higher development. His own life and his teachings have been an inspiration to many, for with all of his intellectual strength he manifests the broadest sympathy, being ever ready to extend a helping hand or speak the needed word of encouragement and counsel.

HARVEY JAMES KING.

Harvey James King, an interior architect and decorator with a large patronage indicative of the skill and ability which he displays in his chosen field of activity, was born in Dayton, November 20, 1860, and is a son of Rufus J. King, president of the Third National Bank, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. He was here reared and the common schools afforded him his early educational privileges while later he attended the private school conducted by Professor J. A. Robert. He afterward entered the firm of Greer & King

in the stove foundry business and was with that house for nine years, being first employed in a clerical capacity in the office while later he went upon the road as a traveling representative. In 1886 he entered the car shops of Barney & Smith in the designing department and there continued for about two years, while in 1888 he joined his brother Walter A. King in organizing the firm of King Brothers & Company, interior architects and decorators. They design interiors and their artistic work in this connection has gained them a foremost place in the ranks of those who are so engaged in Dayton or this part of the state.

Mr. King was married April 26, 1883, in Dayton to Miss Elizabeth H. Lytle, a daughter of the late John S. Lytle and they have one son, Rufus J. King. Mr. King belongs to the Buzfuz Club, this being an expression of his appreciation of the social amenities of life. He is also an interested member of Christ Episcopal church while his political allegiance is given to the republican party which he supports at the polls but does not seek or desire public office. Mr. King has devoted his life to art and has painted many beautiful panels of game, dogs, etc. Had he commercialized his talent in this direction he could have made it very profitable but he has followed art for its own sake. His appreciation of beauty, coloring and design is manifest in the work which he does in a business capacity as a member of the firm of King Brothers & Company, interior architects and decorators. In this connection he has been active in developing a good business and the work of the firm is always satisfactory.

JOHN A. KLEY.

John A. Kley, who is the owner of ten acres of fine land in Mad River township, Montgomery county, Ohio, is one of the younger generation of gardeners who are doing all they can to uphold the reputation of the county as the locality where some of the finest vegetables are grown. He was born on the farm on which he now lives, it having been the old home place, on the 11th of March, 1860, and is the son of Henry and Mary (Swartz) Kley, of whom some mention is made in another part of this volume. From the schools of Mad River township he received all they had to give him in the way of preparation for life, and at the same time that he pursued his studies he worked hard on the piece of land which was to be the scene of all his future labors, so that by the time he had reached man's estate he had much practical knowledge and was ready to assume the control and management of a farm. The years of his life passed quickly and quietly enough with little of importance to mar the serenity of the days and weeks as they went by.

For his first wife Mr. Kley married Miss Tena Schutz, and to them were born three children, namely: Carl, George and Walter. When Mr. Kley married the second time he chose as his bride Miss Daisy Templeton, the daughter of James and Laura (Croak) Templeton. James Templeton was a carpenter by trade, and had come to this county from Clark, and Mrs. Kley was the eldest of his family of five children, the others being Charles, Frank, Walter and Ethel.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN A. KLEY

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Mr. Kley lives a quiet but earnest life. The garden which he has chosen as the field for his activities demands the most of his time, and he feels repaid in the quality of produce that he is able to win from the soil. He is a man who is not deaf to the calls of humanity, is a good friend, and by faithfulness to his work he sets a good example as a citizen and does his share toward making the world a better place to live in.

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Among the men whose records have reflected credit and honor upon the history of the Ohio bar Grafton Clagett Kennedy was numbered. In his law practice and his business interests his work was characterized by an intelligent anticipation of possibilities and a recognition of opportunities that others passed by heedlessly. He displayed, too, that commendable confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, right conception of things and a habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities. He was prominently known in the business and religious world and for years his memory will be cherished by those who were his associates and friends while he was still an active factor in the world's work.

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of Ohio Infantry and drilled his company for some time on the Fair grounds. It was the understanding that the one reporting to camp the largest number of enlisted men should be made colonel. Mr. Kennedy reported the largest number of men present but the commission was given to another who reported a larger number of men enrolled though all were not present in person. His men, as well as Mr. Kennedy himself, were disappointed over this decision, yet Mr. Kennedy manifested his willingness to go to the front in any capacity but, when the governor learned the true state of the case, he thought it best that Mr. Kennedy be given an honorable discharge and be permitted to return home. In early manhood he had wedded Catharine Clagett, a native of Maryland and a daughter of Grafton A. Clagett, also born in that state. Mr. Kennedy followed farming as his life work, retaining his residence on the old family homestead. His wife died in 1866. There were two sons and a daughter in the family: Grafton C. and Gilbert, both now deceased; and Caroline, the wife of Edward Martin, of Chicago.

On the farm which came into possession of his grandfather in the opening years of the nineteenth century, Grafton C. Kennedy spent the days of his boyhood and youth, working at different times in the fields, while the winter months were devoted to study in the district schools. He also spent two years as a pupil in the public schools of Dayton and in further pursuit of knowledge, qualifying him for life's practical and responsible duties, he entered Wittenberg College, in which he spent five years in the preparatory and college courses, being graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in June, 1879.

An earnest desire to become a member of the bar led him to take up the study of law in September, 1879, in the office of Conover & Conover, with whom he read for one year, while later his reading was directed for two years by Warren Munger, then a distinguished member of the Dayton bar. In May, 1882, he was admitted to practice and in February, 1883, opened an office and entered upon the active work of the profession. In March of the same year he was appointed United States commissioner at Dayton for the southern district of Ohio and held the position until October, 1894, when he resigned.

Mr. Kennedy practiced law alone until May, 1888, when he formed a partnership with his former preceptor, Mr. Munger, under the firm style of Munger & Kennedy and, when at the 1st of January, 1893, Harry L. Munger, son of the senior partner, was admitted the firm name was changed to Munger, Kennedy & Munger, so continuing until the death of Warren Munger on the 1st of June, 1894. Later Eugene G. Kennedy, a brother of Grafton C. Kennedy, was admitted to the partnership and the firm remained Kennedy, Munger & Kennedy until the death of the subject of this review. From the beginning of his practice he made continuous progress until the consensus of public opinion placed him in the foremost rank of Dayton's leading lawyers. He possessed a mind of singular precision and power. It was in a marked degree a judicial mind, capable of an impartial view of both sides of the question and of arriving at a just conclusion. In his practice he was absolutely fair, never indulged in artifice or concealment, never dealt in indirect methods but won his victories, which were many, and suffered his defeats, which were few, in the open field, face to face with his foe. He achieved the highest distinction and he deserved it. He was

always careful to conform his practice to a high standard of professional ethics and in his work exemplified the theory of the law that the counsel are to aid the court in the administration of justice.

On the 30th of April, 1889, Mr. Kennedy was united in marriage in Dayton to Miss Louise Achey, a daughter of John J. Achey and unto them were born two children: Katharine Louise and Grafton Sherwood. The death of the husband and father occurred January 10, 1909, when he was in the fiftieth year of his age. Throughout his life he had been an active factor for good in the communities in which he labored. Public-spirited, he was interested at all times in the welfare of the community and for four years did effective work for public education as a member of the Dayton school board, serving from 1897 until 1901 and acting as president of the board during the last three years of that period. In 1892 he organized the first county board of elections. He was also president of the board of sinking fund trustees of the school funds and whenever his aid was needed for the performance of any beneficial public project it was immediately and heartily given. He found recreation in golf, and his religious faith was sustained and strengthened through his membership in the Third Presbyterian church, in the work of which he took most active and helpful part. His grandfather, Joseph Kennedy, was one of the founders of this church, and the family have remained in active connection therewith to the present time. Grafton C. Kennedy was one of the elders of the church and clerk of the sessions and was deeply interested in all religious work. He was an able, faithful and conscientious minister in the temple of justice and a devoted adherent of every cause which he believed would benefit humanity, while in private life he was endeared to all who knew him by the simple nobility of his character.

COLUMBUS C. MOSES.

Columbus C. Moses, handling important real estate interests and also conducting a stock and bond brokerage business in Dayton, was born in Germantown, this county, June 7, 1835. His father, Robert Moses, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, near New Hope, in 1800, and died in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1875. His father was a native of Virginia and a son of the progenitor of the family in America, who came from England in the eighteenth century. Robert Moses devoted his entire life to the work of the farm until he had reached the age of sixty-five years, when he removed from Germantown to Enterprise, Preble county, where he opened a general store which he afterward turned over to his son Ben. He was married in Virginia to Miss Mary Christ and removed to a farm near Germantown in 1822. He was living in Germantown when the war broke out but in the '60s removed to Enterprise. There he made himself felt as a forceful factor in commercial circles of the community, and the reliability of his methods as well as his enterprise, brought him a liberal and well merited patronage. In the family were twelve children, nine sons and three daughters. Only two of the sons, Columbus C. and Henry C. Moses, are now living. All the daughters, however, survive. These are: Elizabeth, the widow

of Dr. John McKean, her home being in West Alexandria, Ohio; Eliza Virginia, the widow of Aaron B. Lane and a resident of Olatha, Kansas; and Lydia A. C., the widow of W. H. Huffman, of Dayton.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for Columbus C. Moses in his boyhood and youth. He lived with his parents through the period of his minority and is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges which he enjoyed. On leaving home he went to Peoria, Illinois, this being prior to the period of the Civil war. He arrived there about 1857 and was employed in a dry-goods store for a year. He then returned to Germantown, where he opened a dry-goods store, which he conducted for a period and then sold out, removing to a farm.

In 1859 Mr. Moses was united in marriage in Germantown to Miss Margaret Emrick, and after living for about a year in Ohio they removed to Illinois in 1860, and Mr. Moses entered the services of his former employer in Peoria. He was thus engaged until after the outbreak of the Civil war, when he returned to Germantown. In 1861 he came to Dayton and the first year thereafter was employed as a clerk in a dry-goods store. In 1862 he secured a situation in a wholesale dry-goods house in Dayton, where he remained for a time, after which he engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business on his own account, as a member of the firm of Turner, Walker & Moses. This relation was maintained for about two years, after which Mr. Moses sold his interest. About a year later he established a wholesale dry-goods store under his own name but subsequently admitted I. S. Boyer to a partnership under the firm style of Moses & Boyer. About six months later Jacob Bunstine was taken in and the firm became Moses, Boyer & Bunstine, and so continued until Mr. Moses sold out. Immediately afterward he opened a wholesale notion house, which he carried on for a time and then devoted several years to the grocery trade. When he disposed of his interests in that field he went into the real estate business, in which he has since continued. He has informed himself thoroughly concerning the realty that is upon the market and the valuation of property and is thus able to assist his clients in making judicious investments and a profitable sale. He also deals in stocks and bonds and has made for himself a creditable name in relation to the financial interests of the city.

Mr. Moses has served for five years as a director of the Montgomery County Fair Association and is always interested in every movement of a public nature that has for its object the betterment of prevailing conditions. He has never taken any active part in politics but has always been a republican. His study of the questions and issues of the day has led him to the belief that the principles of the party are most conducive to good government and he therefore gives to it loyal support. While living in Germantown he was a member of the old volunteer fire department and served as secretary of the company.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Moses have been born two daughters, but the elder, Ida May, died in 1876, at the age of sixteen years. The younger, Jennie, is the wife of W. F. Newcomer, and they have two children, Mabel and Leila K. Mr. and Mrs. Moses belong to the First English Lutheran church and are well known in Dayton, where they have now made their home for the past forty-eight years. Although Mr. Moses has passed the seventy-fourth milestone on life's journey

he is yet an active factor in the business world, thoroughly conversant with financial interests and with the real estate market. The business which he has done in both lines has been such as to place him with the men of affluence in his adopted city.

WILLIAM ROEHM, M. D.

Dr. William Roehm, who since 1900 has engaged in the practice of medicine in Dayton, the city of his nativity, was born September 26, 1876. His youthful days were here passed and, utilizing the educational opportunities offered by the public schools, he passed through consecutive grades as the result of various promotions and at length was graduated from the Steele high school with the class of 1896. Determining upon a professional career he then matriculated in the Starling Ohio Medical College, at Columbus, and was graduated therefrom with the class of 1900. He then located in Dayton, Ohio, and has been busily occupied with professional duties from that time to the present. His ability is constantly increasing as the result of his broadening experience and his continuous reading and research which brings him into close touch with the advanced professional thought of the day. In addition to his private practice he served for one year as workhouse physician. He belongs to the American Medical Association, the State Medical Society, the Montgomery County Medical Society and the Dayton Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Roehm was married in Dayton in 1906 to Miss Bessie Luella Emert, and they have one daughter, Ann Elizabeth. In his political views Dr. Roehm is a democrat and an active worker in the party, for he believes firmly in its principles and regards it the duty as well as the privilege of every American man to inform himself thoroughly concerning the questions and issues of the day and then to support those measures which he deems will prove most efficacious in promoting good government. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and to the Fraternal Order of Eagles and affiliates with the Lutheran church. It will thus be seen that his influence is always on the side of progress and improvement and he is interested in the tendency of the times toward introducing wholesale reforms in the social, political and moral life of the city.

JOHN CLEMENT DIETZ.

John Clement Dietz is a representative of the mercantile interests of Dayton, for he is now conducting a substantial and growing business as proprietor of a drug store. He was born in this city, July 30, 1842, and was here reared, spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dietz. His father was born in Bavaria in 1813 and in early manhood bade adieu to friends and native country and sailed for the new world, settling in Dayton.

Here he was married and with the passing of the years the family circle came to include nine children, of whom five sons and two daughters are yet living.

John Clement Dietz, of this family, was reared in Dayton and at the usual age entered the public schools, wherein he continued his studies until he became a pupil in St. Thomas Seminary, a Catholic institution at Bardstown, Kentucky. There he continued for two years, after which he returned to Dayton in 1856 or 1857 and started in business life, entering the drug store of Thomas Dover. For twelve years he continued with that gentleman and his thorough reliability, enterprise and diligence won him continuous success. He afterward engaged in clerking for Edward Weakley, in whose drug store he remained for two years when, in 1871, he established a drug business for himself at the corner of Wayne and Pearl streets. There he continued until 1886 when he removed to the corner of Jones street and Wayne avenue. He now has a well appointed store, in which he carries a large line of drugs and druggists' sundries and his business is constantly growing as the reliability and enterprise of his business methods are fully understood.

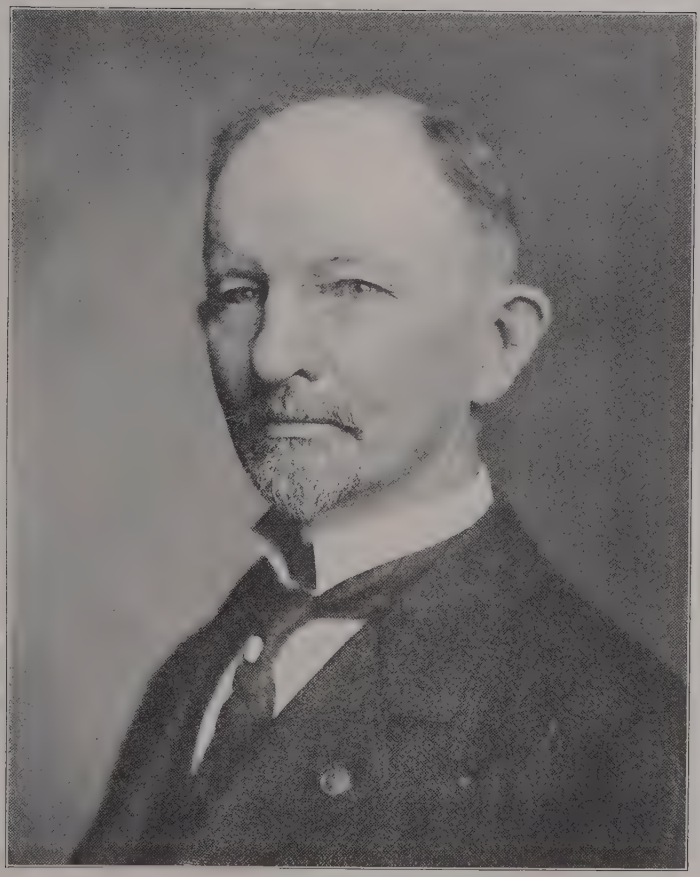
Mr. Dietz was married in 1868 in Dayton to Miss Desdemona Dracelin and they had three children: Clara, who died at the age of ten years; James A., who married Sylvia Ogier and died in 1902 at the age of thirty years, leaving one son, John Wilber; and Edward C. The last named was married to Miss Sarah Norris and they have one son, James Edward Dietz.

Mr. Dietz has been a member of the school board and has done good public work in that connection. His political allegiance is given to the democracy. Those who know him respect him for his reliability in citizenship as well as in commercial circles and his record illustrates what may be accomplished by determined and well directed labor.

ODLIN SPEICE.

Odlin Speice, agent for the American Express Company in Dayton, his native city, was born February 26, 1849, and was here reared and educated. He attended the public schools between the ages of six and fourteen years when, on the 30th of September, 1863, he responded to the country's call for troops and joined the Mississippi squadron of the United States navy under Admiral Porter. He was assigned to the United States gunboat Nyanza, a "tin-clad," and went to New Orleans as an ordinary seaman. He was afterward transferred to the United States gunboat Curlew, and in January, 1864, to the General Price, a Confederate ram that had been captured at Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A month later he was again transferred and from time to time changes were made until thus gradually he worked his way up the river, finally reaching the navy yard at Mound City, Illinois. There he became ill with typhoid pneumonia and was discharged in May, 1864, on account of physical disability.

Mr. Speice then returned to Dayton and in 1865-6 he attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, for he realized how important a factor in successful business life is education. Later he turned his attention to the



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flour milling business at Greenville, Ohio, his father being interested in a mill there, in which Mr. Speice acted as assistant for eight years. He next entered the employ of the Dayton Short Line Railroad Company and devoted about five years to railroading. In 1879 he entered the employ of the American Express Company in Dayton, and on the 1st of December, 1888, he was made money clerk. On the 15th of April, 1893, he was given his present position as agent of the American Express Company and in this capacity has since served. It is a ness and fidelity for he has carefully systematized the work of the office and position of large responsibility, the duties of which he discharges with prompt- excellent results are being achieved under his direction.

On the 3d of January, 1872, at Greenville, Ohio, Mr. Speice was united in marriage to Miss Stella La Motte, and they have two children: Frederick A., who is assistant treasurer of the Dayton Savings & Trust Company; and Carrie M., a teacher in the public schools.

In his political views Mr. Speice is an earnest republican and is deeply interested in the success and growth of the party. He is responsible for the passage of the bill making Dayton a port of entry. Fraternally he is connected with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in which he has passed all the chairs. He is also a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine, and he belongs to Old Guard Post, No. 23, G. A. R. He is connected with the National Association of Naval Veterans, belonging to Dahlgren Post of Dayton, and was also aid on the staff of the national commander. He likewise holds membership in the Park Presbyterian church, in which he is a trustee, a fact which indicates that he is not neglectful of the higher, holier duties of life notwithstanding the fact that his business interests make heavy demands on his time for his position is one of large and growing responsibility.

MARCELLUS ELLSWORTH COY, M. D.

Dr. Marcellus Ellsworth Coy, who since 1901 has engaged in the general practice of medicine in Dayton, was born in Zimmerman, Greene county, Ohio, November 24, 1874. In the paternal line he comes of Teutonic ancestry. His grandfather, Adam Coy, was born in Germany and on crossing the Atlantic to America established his home in Greene county, Ohio, where he entered five thousand acres of land and engaged extensively in farming, his efforts contributing in substantial measure to the agricultural development of that section. His son, Abram Coy, father of Dr. Coy, was born in Greene county and died in 1905. He devoted his entire life to general agricultural pursuits. In early manhood he wedded Catharine Zimmerman who passed to her final rest in 1895 —ten years prior to the death of her husband. They were the parents of eleven children of whom four died from diphtheria in one month, ranging in age from ten to fourteen years. Seven of the family still survive.

Dr. Coy, who is the youngest, was reared to manhood in the place of his nativity, attended the common schools of Zimmerman and was afterward graduated from the high school of Alpha, Greene county, Ohio, with the class of 1895.

Later he pursued a commercial course at Beck's school in Dayton and subsequently engaged in teaching for three years in Greene county, Ohio. He afterward spent two years as a medical student in the University of Chicago and two years at Detroit College of Medicine, from which he was graduated in 1901. He then located in Dayton for general practice and is gradually building up a gratifying business, for the people recognize that his ability is sufficient to enable him to cope with the intricate problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to restore health and prolong life.

In 1901 in Detroit Dr. Coy was united in marriage to Miss Norma M. Rommeck and the hospitality of their pleasant home is greatly enjoyed by the many friends whom they have made during the period of their residence in Dayton. Dr. Coy belongs to no fraternal orders or clubs but has various professional connections, holding membership in the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Dayton Academy of Medicine, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has built up a splendid practice in his eight years' residence in Dayton and has the unqualified respect of the profession as well as the general public.

WILLIAM POEPPELMEIER.

William Poeppelmeier, conducting a growing and profitable business in Dayton, as a dealer in paints, wall paper, etc., opened his present establishment in 1900. He has, however, been engaged in business for himself in Dayton since 1889 and in mercantile lines since 1893. He was born in Cincinnati, October 20, 1866, and the following year his parents removed to Dayton, where the boyhood and youth of our subject was passed under the parental roof. His father, Henry H. Poeppelmeier, was born in Bremen, Germany, in 1841, and when a young man of twenty-one years he bade adieu to his native country and sailed for America, landing in 1862. He did not tarry on the eastern coast but, making his way into the interior of the country, took up his abode in Cincinnati, Ohio. There he was married in the same year to Miss Elizabeth Thieman and unto them were born seven children, of whom six are yet living, namely: Frank, of Dayton; Christ, residing in Cincinnati; William, of this review; George, who makes his home in Dayton; Marie, the wife of Albert Carl, also of Dayton; and Anthony, living in this city. One daughter, Anna, is now deceased. The mother died in 1888 while the father, surviving for about nine years, passed away in 1897.

When a little lad of six summers William Poeppelmeier began his education in the public schools and continued through successive grades until he reached the age of twelve years, when he started out in life on his own account, being first employed in the chair factory of Stomps & Burkhardt. That he was faithful and diligent is indicated in the fact that he remained there for three years, receiving four cents a dozen for painting chairs. He next entered the employ of the Farmers Friend, manufacturers of agricultural implements, where he was employed at painting for eight years. In the meantime he had resolved to enter

business life on his own account at the first opportunity, and in 1889 he began house painting and to this work devoted his energies for four years, or until 1893. In that year he embarked in his present business as a dealer in paints and wall paper, opening a store at the corner of Brown and Hickory streets. From that location he removed to No. 640 Wayne avenue, where he continued for five years, and in 1900 he came to his present location. He carries a large line of paints and wall paper and has built up a good trade, his patrons recognizing in him a reliable and a thorough-going merchant who at all times conforms his business activities to a high standard of commercial ethics.

In 1897 Mr. Poeppelmeier was married in Dayton to Miss Viola Heitzman and unto them have been born five children, Marie, Viola, Mildred, Raymond and Leo. Mr. Poeppelmeier is a member of the fraternal order of Eagles, the Knights of St. John, the St. Joseph's Orphan Society and St. Mary's Catholic church—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests and the principles which govern his conduct. He votes with the democracy but is not active in party circles. He is an excellent type of the self-made man who from early boyhood is dependent upon his own resources and works his way upward by industry and careful utilization of each opportunity as it is presented. He has never placed his dependence upon favoring circumstances or sought outside aid, but realizing that the path of industry will lead to the goal of prosperity he has persevered therein and has now advanced far toward substantial success.

WILLIAM M. ADELBERGER.

William M. Adelberger is now enjoying a gratifying trade as a dealer in cement and lime, his business having reached a substantial annual figure. He has always resided in Dayton where his birth occurred September 2, 1876, and he is the eldest of the three children of Philip and Eleonora (Boedeker) Adelberger. The father, a native of Germany, came to America in early life and, establishing his home in Dayton, was married in this city. Unto him and his wife were born two sons and a daughter: William M., Elizabeth, the wife of Charles E. Klugel, of Dayton; and George, who is engaged in the meat business with his father in this city. The mother passed away in 1904, leaving behind her many friends.

After continuing his education in the public schools until he had completed the work of the eighth grade, William M. Adelberger further pursued his studies in the Miami Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1894, thus qualifying for the responsibilities which come with entrance into business life. He afterward worked for C. A. Starr, a dealer in building materials, by whom he was first employed as office boy, while in various promotions he made substantial advance to the position of bookkeeper and general manager. He was acting in the dual capacity at the time of Mr. Starr's death on the 24th of December, 1902. Following the demise of his employer he bought out the business in connection with Edmund C. Linxweiler, and the firm has since been known as the Star Coal & Cement Company. They handle coal, cement, lime and other

building materials and have succeeded in building up a large and satisfactory trade. Mr. Adelberger is also a director of the Market Savings Bank, for his success in other lines has enabled him to make judicious investment in bank stock.

In 1905 in Lancaster, Ohio, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Adelberger and Miss Clara Alice Wyman. Their home is now blessed by the presence of a little son, William, Jr. In politics Mr. Adelberger is a democrat but not active as a worker in the party ranks. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge, to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Dayton Turngemeinde and to St. John's German Lutheran church. These organizations, all of which inculcate a spirit of sociability, fraternity and morality, find a stalwart champion in Mr. Adelberger, whose many good qualities are recognized by his extensive circle of friends in his native city.

HARRY S. O'NEILL.

Harry S. O'Neill, conducting a profitable and growing business as a buyer of leaf tobacco in Dayton, was born in this city, on the 26th of July, 1873. As the name indicates the family comes of Irish lineage. The great-grandfather of our subject was William O'Neill, a native of Ireland, who spent his entire life in that country. His son, Charles O'Neill, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, and became the founder of the family in the new world. He learned the carpenter's trade in his native country, became a contractor and crossed the Atlantic to the United States in the interests of an English syndicate to superintend the construction of the Cumberland Valley Railroad. Locating six miles east of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, he lived in that section of the country until his death which resulted from an injury that he had sustained about 1848. He married Elizabeth Sherman, a native of Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Salisbury Sherman, who was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts, where in early life he served an apprenticeship to the blacksmith's trade. He afterward learned the trade of cutlery and was foreman of a factory in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, for a number of years. He then joined a company at Gettysburg and aided in establishing a cutlery factory there. At Gettysburg he married Miss Catherine Whealen and after his marriage removed to Franklin county near Chambersburg, where he resided for sixty-five years. He had reached the venerable age of ninety-eight years at the time of his demise. His daughter Elizabeth became the wife of Charles O'Neill and, surviving her husband for many years, died at the home of her son, William S., in Van Buren township, Montgomery county, Ohio, where she passed away when more than sixty years of age. In his political views Charles O'Neill was a democrat and studied and discussed the questions and issues of the day but never sought office as the reward for party fealty. He superintended the construction of the old Tappewann Railroad from Gettysburg to the Caledonia Iron Works and was then in the employ of Thaddeus Stevens. He was a man of varied experiences and wide learning. In his youth he had been educated for the Catholic priesthood and his brother, Arthur O'Neill, joined the

priesthood and continued to serve the church throughout his life. The wife of Charles O'Neill was in earlier life a Lutheran but afterward became a Catholic.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Charles O'Neill were born three sons and four daughters, including William S. O'Neill, the father of our subject. He was reared to farm life and acquired a good education in the common schools of Pennsylvania. Early in his business career he worked for twelve and a half cents per day but his energy and ability soon won him a better return for his labor. In 1858 he made his way to Montgomery county, Ohio, and secured employment as a farm hand on one of the farms which he now owns. The second year was spent in raising tobacco and in the following winter he chopped cord wood and split rails. In 1864 he purchased ten acres of land in Miami township which he soon afterward sold and then invested in forty acres in Van Buren township. From time to time he added to his property, becoming owner of one hundred and sixty acres in Mercer county and one hundred and forty acres in Van Buren township, Montgomery county, the latter being the farm upon which he was first employed on coming to Ohio. For two years he carried on general farming in Miami township but with that exception devoted his energies to farming in Van Buren township until his removal to Dayton. In addition to the properties previously mentioned he owns one hundred acres of land in Washington township. For many years his attention was chiefly given to the cultivation of tobacco and from 1868 he engaged in buying tobacco, continuing in that business until his death which occurred on the 29th of December, 1899. He was married in Montgomery county, in March, 1863, to Miss Elizabeth Shroyer, a daughter of Jacob and Mary Himes Shroyer. They became the parents of five children: Carrie May, who died at the age of nineteen years; Amanda Ellen, who passed away at the age of twenty-one; Charles Shroyer, who died at the age of twenty; Harry Sherman, of this review; and Mary Elizabeth, the wife of Elwood E. Rice. The parents became members of Zion's Reformed church, in which Mr. O'Neill long served as a trustee. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and in all matters of citizenship he was progressive, seeking at all times the greatest good to the greatest number.

Harry S. O'Neill, whose name introduces this record, was reared in Dayton and began his education in Van Buren township school No. 12. He spent four years at St. Mary's Institute and he afterward pursued a business course in the Miami Commercial College. He then joined his father, William S. O'Neill, who was engaged in the leaf tobacco enterprise, and they were associated in the business until the father's death in 1899. Harry S. O'Neill has since been alone in business and his interests of this character have reached large proportions. He now handles an extensive amount of leaf tobacco annually and his capable management of his business has brought to him a gratifying competence.

On the 28th of July, 1897, in Dayton, Mr. O'Neill was united in marriage to Miss Luella Rahn and they have five children: William Sharp, Sherman Lewis, Marguerite Elizabeth, Harry Rahn and Virginia.

In his political views Mr. O'Neill is an independent democrat for while he usually supports the men and measures of the democracy, he does not consider himself bound by party ties and is interested in the independent spirit of the times which is one of the most hopeful signs pointing to reform in politics. He always

takes an advanced stand along lines of progress and improvement, earnestly desiring the best interests of the community. He belongs to the First Reformed church and the sterling traits of his character, which are many, have gained him a firm hold on the confidence and good will of friends and business associates.

ANDREW PLOCHER.

Andrew Plocher, proprietor of the City Forge & Iron Works and thus actively associated with the industrial interests of Dayton, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, June 19, 1850. He came to America in 1868, when a young man of eighteen years, and at once took up his abode in Montgomery county, Ohio, being employed for two years on a farm in the vicinity of Miamisburg. He felt, however, that city life was preferable and removed to Dayton, where he worked at the blacksmith's trade, which he had learned in his native land. He was thus employed until 1894, when his laudable ambition prompted him to engage in business on his own account and he opened a shop. From the beginning the enterprise was successful and gradually he extended his interests in the development of the enterprise of which he is now proprietor. The City Forge & Iron Works constitutes one of the important industries of Dayton. He has occupied his present quarters since 1900 and the constant ring of the iron is proof of the amount of business which is here carried on. His patronage has continually increased in volume and importance until his business is today one of the extensive concerns of this character in Dayton.

In 1874 Mr. Plocher was united in marriage in Dayton to Miss Eva Bernhard and unto them have been born three children, namely: John A., who wedded Miss Bertha Lastner; Carl A., who married Miss Amanda Buehner; and Flora L., who wedded Leonidas Miller.

In his social relations Mr. Plocher is a Mason, belonging to the lodge and the council and he is also connected with the Knights of Pythias. He was reared in the Lutheran faith and he gives his political allegiance to the democracy. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the United States, for the business opportunities which he sought were here found and in their improvement he has made substantial financial advance. His work has brought to him the merited reward of labor and his life record might well serve as a source of encouragement and inspiration to others, showing what may be accomplished when one has the will to dare and to do.

THOMAS H. CRIDLAND.

Thomas H. Cridland is the vice president of the Joyce-Cridland Company, of Dayton, manufacturers of railroad jacks. This is one of the largest productive industries of the city, having had continuous existence for about thirty-seven years—an era of substantial growth. He was born in Dayton, November 8,

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1852, and is a son of Thomas W. Cridland, a native of Leicester, England, born in 1811. In the year 1822 he crossed the Atlantic to America with his parents and in 1852 became a resident of Dayton. He was married in Cincinnati, in 1850, to Miss Amanda M. Looker, and they had three children of whom Thomas H. is the eldest. After residing in Dayton until about 1889 or 1890, during which time he was continuously engaged in business, he went to Los Angeles, California, where he died in 1891. His widow long survived him and passed away in the same city on the 14th of October, 1908. Through the period of his residence here Thomas W. Cridland had conducted a profitable business as a manufacturer of picture frames and molding and had also owned and carried on two photograph galleries.

At the usual age Thomas H. Cridland was sent to the public schools wherein he continued his studies through successive grades until he reached the age of sixteen. He then started in business life with his father, Thomas W. Cridland, with whom he continued until twenty years of age, when he entered into partnership with J. O. Joyce, the father of his present partner, for the manufacture of railroad jacks. Their plant was originally at Franklin, Ohio, but after three or four years they came to Dayton where they continued the business, which was incorporated in 1893 under the present style of the Joyce-Cridland Company, with the subject of this review as vice president. The business of the house has increased year by year for its output fills a demand for high-grade goods of the character which they handle.

In 1873 Mr. Cridland wedded Miss Cora A. Joyce, a daughter of J. O. Joyce, and they have one son, H. C. Cridland. In politics a republican, Mr. Cridland has not been active in the party work in recent years nor is he identified with any club, nor fraternal organizations. His interests have largely centered in his business and his administrative power is displayed in its carefully guided and managed affairs.

HERBERT C. ROBISON.

Herbert C. Robison, resident manager of The Corbin Screw Corporation, was born on a farm in Warren county, Ohio, March 2, 1872. He represents one of the old pioneer families of that locality, his father being James T. Robison, who was likewise a native of Warren county, born in 1824. This fact alone indicates that the family was established in the county when it was still a frontier district, for the work of improvement and development had been scarcely begun in that part of the state during the first quarter of the nineteenth century. James T. Robison was reared to the occupation of farming, which pursuit he followed throughout his entire life. He was married in Xenia, Ohio, to Miss Grizelah B. Law, and they became parents of eight children, all of whom reached years of maturity: Belle, the widow of Dr. Lee Corbin, who served for two terms as coroner of Montgomery county and died in Dayton in 1898; William Law, living in Warren county; T. Scott, who makes his home in Franklin, Ohio; Ralph M., also a resident of Warren county; Emma Adessa, who died in 1907; Fannie

M.; Herbert C.; and Mary Pearl. The father was one of the old-time Presbyterians and molded his life by his religious faith and belief. He died in 1901, having for about ten years survived his wife who passed away in 1891. They were married in 1851 and, therefore, traveled life's journey together for forty years.

Herbert C. Robison was reared on the home farm in Warren county, Ohio, to the age of sixteen years and during that period pursued his education in the district schools. He then left home to attend Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, and was graduated from that institution in 1894 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He afterward came to Dayton where he pursued a business course in the Miami Commercial College and on the 2d of March, 1895, he entered upon his business career by accepting a position of assistant bookkeeper, in the Malleable Iron Works. For seven months he remained there, after which he became connected with the Russell & Erwin Manufacturing Company, the predecessors of The Corbin Screw Corporation. He went upon the road as a traveling salesman and thus represented the house from the 1st of October, 1895, to the 1st of June, 1907, when he became resident manager at Dayton. The other officers of the company are: Charles Glover, president; Clarence A. Earl, vice president; Theodore E. Smith, treasurer; and George P. Spear, of New Britain, Connecticut, secretary. Mr. Robison's long experience on the road made him thoroughly acquainted with the trade and its demands as well as the manufactured product and thus he was well qualified by long experience for the onerous duties which devolved upon him in his present connection.

On the 8th of June, 1898, Mr. Robison was married in Dayton to Miss Alida Lee Perrine, a daughter of James F. Perrine, and they have become parents of one child, Julia Lee. The wife and mother died May 31, 1899. Mr. Robison belongs to the First Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as deacon. His political allegiance is given to the republican party but while he feels a citizen's interest in the political questions of the day he does not seek nor desire office, as the reward for party fealty. He belongs to the Beta Theta Pi and those who meet him in social relations find him a genial courteous gentleman, whose ways readily win friendship.

CHARLES E. HALLER.

Charles E. Haller, superintendent of the Department of Infirmary of Dayton, was born in this city, January 24, 1860, and was here reared, the public schools affording him his opportunities in an educational way. He passed through consecutive grades and at length was graduated from the Miami Commercial College with the class of 1880. Thus trained for business life, he secured a clerkship in a Dayton store and for four years acted in that capacity, but all the time he was imbued with the ambition to one day become the owner of a business that his labors might more directly benefit himself. To this end he carefully saved his earnings until his capital was sufficient to enable him to start upon an independent venture. He then established a wholesale confectionery

house and for fourteen years conducted the business with growing and gratifying success. He was afterward identified with various other lines, including five years spent in the insurance business, and on the 10th of July, 1908, he was appointed to his present office by the board of public service. His faithfulness and capability in the discharge of his duties thus far have won for him high commendation and the merited confidence and good will of those who are familiar with his public service.

On the 2d of October, 1883, in Dayton Mr. Haller was united in marriage to Miss Anna L. Focht and they have one daughter, Myrtle M., who is now the wife of Clarence Crewe and they have one child, Anna May. Mr. and Mrs. Haller have a pleasant home in which they extend cordial hospitality to their many friends. Mr. Haller belongs to the Odd Fellows Society in both the subordinate lodge and the encampment and is a member of the First Reformed church. He gives his political allegiance to the democracy and while the honors and emoluments of office are not sufficiently attractive to him to cause him to seek political preferment, he is nevertheless awake to the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship and seeks the city's welfare through his cooperation in many measures for the public good.

CHARLES EDWARD PEASE.

Charles Edward Pease, president of the Buckeye Iron & Brass Works of Dayton, occupies a foremost place in the ranks of the representative business men of the city. Possessing an incisive, comprehensive knowledge of all phases of the business, he has also manifested intelligent anticipation of possibilities and thus in his work has ever met the increasing demands of the time. Determined and energetic, he is a dynamic force in business circles of this city and moreover is honored and respected by all, not alone because of the success he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business principles he has ever followed.

Montgomery county is proud to number Mr. Pease among her native sons. His birth occurred in Carrollton, now West Carrollton, August 20, 1836, his parents being Horace and Sarah L. (Belville) Pease. His grandfather, Joseph Pease, was born, lived and died in Suffield, Connecticut, and was a son of Joseph Pease, Sr., also a native of that state. The ancestral home of the family was at Hull, England, whence representatives of the name came to the new world at an early period in its colonization.

Horace Pease was born in Suffield, Connecticut, February 14, 1791, and held the rank of sergeant at the time of the war of 1812 but saw no active service. Coming to Ohio in 1816, he located first in Cincinnati, where he resided for seven or eight years and then removed to Montgomery county in 1823, taking up his abode on Hole's creek, five miles southwest of Dayton, where in 1839 he established the first fruit distillery of the locality, making peach and apple brandy. He continued the business for some years and also carried on farming but subsequently withdrew from those lines of business activity and made his

home in Carrollton, where he established a flouring mill, which he conducted until 1851 or 1852 under the firm name of H. & P. Pease. In 1839 he built a flouring mill in Dayton on East Third at the corner of Canal street, now owned and operated by Joseph R. Gebhart & Son. The mill was conducted by H. & P. Pease until 1866, when Horace Pease retired, spending his last days in honorable retirement in Dayton. For a long period he was recognized as one of the prominent business men of the city, being associated with various enterprises, including the old State Bank, of which he was a director from the time of its organization until it was merged into the Dayton National Bank. He then continued as a representative of its directorate up to the time of his demise. In all matters relative to the welfare and progress of city, county and state he was actively and helpfully interested and for a number of years represented Montgomery county in the Ohio general assembly, leaving the impress of his individuality upon its legislation and laboring at all times for the public good. He was serving on the board of county commissioners when the old stone courthouse was erected, the designs for which he made and in the building of which he took a deep interest. He held membership in the old-school Presbyterian church and his life was actuated by its principles and teachings. His death occurred in Dayton in 1875, while his wife passed away in 1862. She was born at St. Georges, Delaware, in 1810, and was the daughter of a Presbyterian minister.

They were the parents of six children, of whom Walter Belville Pease, the eldest, served as captain of Company C in the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil war. This was the first company to report at Columbus under the first call for troops. He participated in the battle of Bull Run and served throughout the period of hostilities, being promoted to a captaincy in the Seventeenth United States Infantry and acting as captain of General George B. McClellan's body guard. After the close of the war he remained with the regular army until his retirement with the brevet of lieutenant colonel. He died at Las Vegas, New Mexico, in 1890. The other members of the family of Horace Pease are: Charles E., of this review; Frank, who died in childhood; Josephine, who married James Stockstill, of Dayton; Anna L., the widow of Horace Phillips, of Dayton; and Hattie, the deceased wife of Charles B. Clegg, of Dayton.

Charles E. Pease was about three years of age when his parents removed from Carrollton to Dayton and in the public schools he acquired his preliminary education, while later he attended the University of Wisconsin at Madison, but left that institution in his junior year, in 1859, and returned to this city. In the meantime he had had some business experience, having worked as a machinist in Dayton, but left the shops in order to enter college.

On his return he joined his father, Horace Pease, in the milling business and in 1857 he made his first independent business venture by operating a mill at Fulton, on the Rock river, in Wisconsin, where he continued with varying success for two years. In 1861 he entered the firm of W. B. Pease & Company, of Dayton, and assumed the management of the business when his elder brother, Walter B. Pease, joined the army for service in the Civil war. The following year, however, Charles E. Pease also responded to the call for military aid and in the fall of 1862 became connected with the quartermaster's department at Nash-

ville, Tennessee, under Captain Charles T. Wing, with whom he was associated until the close of the war. For a time, however, he was at Chattanooga and later returned to Nashville, where he remained until 1865, when he resigned and went to Memphis, Tennessee, where for two years he was engaged in the grocery business. On the expiration of that period he located in Cincinnati and was appointed United States gauger, in which position he was stationed at Covington, Kentucky.

After filling the position for eighteen months Mr. Pease resigned and in January, 1870, returned to his old home in Dayton, purchasing an interest in the firm of Hoglen & Grafflin, becoming successor of the latter. The firm at that time was engaged in the manufacture of tobacco machinery. The style was changed to Hoglen & Pease and so continued until the 1st of June, 1876, when Mr. Pease purchased his partner's interest and incorporated the present business under the name of the Buckeye Iron & Brass Works. He has continuously acted as president of the company, which is engaged in the manufacture of brass goods for engine builders, steam fitters, tobacco cutting machinery and linseed oil and cotton seed oil machinery, all of which are manufactured under patents controlled by the company. As the head of this enterprise, which is one of the most important productive industries of the city, Mr. Pease has long occupied a prominent place in business circles. The business has developed from small proportions until it is one of the largest manufacturing plants of the city, its output being shipped to all sections of the country. The plant is splendidly equipped with the latest improved machinery and the business, expanding year by year, now brings a most substantial income to the stockholders. Mr. Pease is also a director and stockholder of the Dayton Natural Gas Company and has other business interests of importance.

On the 3d of October, 1865, in Cleveland, occurred the marriage of Charles E. Pease and Miss Laura G. Erwin, a daughter of John Erwin, one of the pioneer residents of the Forest city. They have become parents of two sons: Calvin Erwin, who died in 1902 at the age of thirty-five years; and Edward Gardner Pease, now vice president of the Buckeye Iron & Brass Works.

Aside from his business interests Mr. Pease is well known in various connections. He is prominent in the ranks of Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and the Knight Templar degree in the York rite. He is also a member of the Mystic Shrine and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit of the craft. Moreover he is a faithful member of the Presbyterian church and in politics is an active republican whose efforts in behalf of the party have been far-reaching and beneficial. He served for twelve years as a member of the city council at Dayton, exercising his official prerogatives in support of many measures which have been of inestimable value to municipal development and growth. Many tangible evidences are given of his devotion to the city's welfare, among which have been his effective efforts to beautify the city with flowers early each spring. His home is a handsome residence at the corner of Second and Wilkinson streets and this is one of the visible evidences of his life of well directed thrift and enterprise. What a man does and what he attains depends largely upon his opportunities but the well balanced man, mentally and physically, is possessed of sufficient courage to venture where favoring

opportunity is presented and his judgment and even-paced energy generally carry him forward to the goal of success. Such has been the record of Charles E. Pease, who in his life embodies all the elements of what in this country we term a "square man"—one in whom to have confidence, a dependable man in any relation and any emergency. He is ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, right conception of things and a habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities. He is among those for whom every one has a pleasant smile and a hearty word of greeting because they know that they are sure to be repaid in kind.

ADAM STINE.

Adam Stine, a member of the Soldiers Relief Commission of Montgomery county and a resident of Dayton, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, September 20, 1829. He has therefore passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey but his is a vigorous manhood which makes him seem much younger than his years. In 1831 when he was but two years of age, his parents removed to Milton, Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, where he was reared and attended school, there acquiring his education.

In April, 1844, when fourteen years of age, he entered business life as an employe of the office of the Miltonian, a weekly whig paper which had been established in 1816. There he remained until he attained his majority—a period of a little more than five years—during which time he thoroughly learned the printing trade, becoming familiar with all of the work of the office. At the end of that time he started out as a journeyman printer and was employed at his trade in various places. When the Civil war was inaugurated he was in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and there he enlisted, for he had watched with interest the progress of events in the south and had determined that if a blow was struck to overthrow the Union he would strike one in its defense. Accordingly the smoke from Fort Sumter's guns had scarcely cleared away when, on the 15th of April, 1861, he enlisted as a private of Company D, Eleventh Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for the enlisted term of three months and was then mustered out at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, in July, 1861. In August of that year he again offered his services to the government, enlisting at Philadelphia as a member of Company K, Fifth Pennsylvania Cavalry, in a command known as the Cameron Dragoons. He was then made orderly sergeant, and, going to the front, served in the Peninsular campaign under General George B. McClellan until November, 1862. At that time he was recalled to Harrisburg and was appointed marshal of Montour, Pennsylvania, by the superintendent of state, who was gathering recruits there. There had been some riots in that county on account of the draft and accordingly Mr. Stine was appointed and entered upon active duty, being sent there with a detail of twenty-two men. He remained at that place for six months, after which he was recalled to the head office in Harrisburg, where he continued until December, 1863, when he was mustered out.

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After leaving the army Mr. Stine remained in Harrisburg until February, 1864, working at his trade, but while the war was in progress he could not content himself to remain at home while the Union was imperiled. Accordingly in February, 1864, he once more donned the blue and went to the front as a private of Company C, Twenty-first Pennsylvania Infantry, with which he served until after the close of hostilities, being present at the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox. He took part in a number of hotly contested engagements and was mustered out at Harrisburg in 1865. He was under fire in all of the engagements constituting the Peninsular campaign and in all of those under General Grant from February, 1864, until the close of the war.

When hostilities were ended Mr. Stine worked at his trade in various places, including New York, Philadelphia and Boston, and in October, 1873, he came to Dayton, where he worked, first as foreman in the office of the Herald and Enquirer and later as foreman of the Dayton Democrat. He then became advertising manager of the Religious Telescope, so continuing until 1884, when he started the Workman, a weekly labor paper, which he carried on until 1898. He then sold out and entered into his present relation as a member of the Soldiers Relief Commission of Montgomery county, thus serving for eleven years.

On the 8th of March, 1874, Mr. Stine was married to Mrs. Anna Addleman, nee Evans, a native of Virginia. In politics he is an unequivocal republican, and in fact his position on any vital question is never a matter of doubt, for he stands fearlessly in support of the principles in which he believes. He belongs to Old Guard Post, No. 23, G. A. R., of which he is a past commander, and thus he maintains pleasant relations with his old army comrades and at the camp fires delights in recalling the scenes and events which took place in the south as the Union soldiers marched in battle array to meet those who would have overthrown the Union.

ANDREW J. CONKLE.

The commercial interests of Dayton find a worthy and well known representative in Andrew J. Conkle, who since 1893 has been engaged in merchandising in this city, conducting a large and well appointed establishment for the sale of cloaks, suits and furs. He was born on a farm about ten miles north of Defiance, Ohio, April 10, 1864, and his youthful days were there passed in attendance at the district schools and in the work of the fields. He remained at home until seventeen years of age and then became a student in the Methodist Episcopal college at Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he spent one year. In 1884 he was graduated from a business college of the same city and was thus qualified for the duties of a commercial career. Locating at Pleasant Lake, Indiana, he there remained for two years, after which he removed to Middletown, Ohio, and spent four years as the assistant of his brother, A. D. Conkle, who was a photographer of that place. He next went to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he became associated with the Rink fur house, with which he was connected for a year and a half. He afterward went upon the road as traveling representative for Paul J. Sorg, a tobacco merchant of Middletown, Ohio, whom he repre-

sented for over a year, after which he went to Columbus, Ohio, and entered a cloak house, where he spent two and a half years. Subsequently he was employed in a similar establishment at Toledo, Ohio, but desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself he came to Dayton in 1893 and with the capital which he had acquired through his industry and careful expenditure he began business on his own account. His store in the Commercial building is today regarded as one of the most reliable mercantile establishments in the city, and its trade has constantly increased from the beginning until it has now reached large proportions. A complete line of cloaks is handled including the latest productions of the market, and in price to meet the varied demands of the trade.

In 1892 Mr. Conkle was married in Columbus, Ohio, to Miss Lillian R. Taylor, and they have two children, Alice Margaret and Andrew J. Mr. Conkle is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and is interested in the work of that organization in its efforts to enhance the industrial and commercial activity of the city and promote the growth of Dayton along many substantial lines. His political allegiance is given to the democracy, yet he does not consider himself bound by party ties but is rather allied with that independent movement which is one of the hopeful signs of the times wherein public-spirited men assert their independence in opposing any machine rule which they deem detrimental to the common good. Fraternally he is connected with the Elks, the Royal Arcanum, the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Pathfinders, and is in sympathy with the spirit that underlies these organizations recognizing the brotherhood of man and meeting one's obligations to his fellows. His business career has been characterized by continuous progress, bringing to him a gratifying position in mercantile circles, and at all times his record has been in keeping with the highest standard of commercial ethics.

ANGUS KURT RANKIN.

Angus Kurt Rankin, secretary of the Beaver Soap Company is a man of excellent business ability which is called forth in the control of what is today one of the most important industries of the city. As the years have passed by he has put forth his efforts along well defined lines of labor, and each step in his career has been a forward one.

He was born in Covington, Ohio, March 12, 1856, and came to Dayton in 1864 when a lad of eight summers. Later he lived elsewhere for a brief period but returned to Dayton in 1867, and after spending some time in another locality he once more returned to Dayton in 1872. His education was acquired in the schools of Covington and in Dayton, and in 1877 he became a factor in the business life of the latter city by becoming connected with the piano trade, representing a piano house as a traveling salesman. He so continued until 1881, when he entered the law office of Thomas O. Lowe and gave some time to mastering the principles of jurisprudence. He also took up the study of stenography and a year later he entered the employ of the Stoddard Manufacturing Company, while five months later he became connected with the Farmers' Friend Agricul-

tural Implement Manufacturing Concern. There he continued for twelve years, or until 1894, in the capacity of stenographer, and subsequently he engaged for a time in the typewriter business. In 1896 he became sales manager of the Beaver Soap Company and recognition of his business ability came to him in 1906 in his election to the position of secretary to that company, which controls an extensive business having one of the well equipped plants and important industries in Dayton.

In 1883, in Piqua, Ohio, Mr. Rankin was married to Miss Margarita Robbins, and they have two living children, Walter E. and Lester M. Mr. Rankin belongs to No. 3, of the United Commercial Travelers and has many friends among the knights of the grip and also among the patrons whom he formerly visited while a traveling salesman. He holds membership in the First Baptist church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party. At all times he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day so that he is able to support his position by intelligent argument, yet he does not seek nor desire office for his business affairs make full demand upon his time and attention. His progress has been the result of close application and strict conformity to a high standard of commercial ethics and now his connection with the business affairs of Dayton is one of importance, bringing him the merited reward of earnest, persistent and intelligently directed labor.

CHARLES LUTHER MILYARD.

Charles Luther Milyard, well known as an enterprising and progressive agriculturist of Madison township, is the owner of one hundred and forty-five acres of rich and arable land, situated just off the Dayton and Lexington road, about three and a half miles from Trotwood. He was born in Carroll county, Maryland, on the 14th of October, 1853, his parents being Christian F. and Elizabeth (Geiger) Milward, the former a native of Maryland, while the paternal grandfather came from Germany. Christian F. Milyard was a shoemaker by trade but owned a valuable farm in Frederick county. He never left the state of Maryland and there passed away in the year 1877. He was twice married and by his first wife had four children, namely: Eliza Jane, Charles Luther, John McCalvin and Addison. By his second wife, who bore the maiden name of Susan Smith, he had one son, William.

Charles Luther Milyard acquired his education in the schools of his native state and when twenty-three years of age came to Ohio, beginning work as a farm hand on the old Garber place. Subsequently he went into the tobacco business and afterward purchased the old Shively farm, which has continued his place of abode to the present time. In addition to the work of general farming he is also engaged in raising stock and poultry and finds a ready market for both his stock and grain in Dayton. He is progressive in his farm work, using only the latest improved machinery in carrying on the labor of the fields and he is accounted one of the up-to-date and leading agriculturists of the community. His

landed holdings also include a fine farm of two hundred and forty acres in Oklahoma.

In October, 1876, Mr. Milyard was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Miller, a daughter of David and Anna (Shock) Miller. The father came to this county from Virginia and took up his abode on the old Miller farm, becoming widely recognized as a very prominent agriculturist and substantial citizen. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Milyard have been born eight children, as follows: Perry and David, both of whom are deceased; Anna B., the wife of D. B. Cottrell, a farmer of Darke county, Ohio, by whom she has two children, Alfred Daniel and Charles Franklin; Hettie, twin sister of a child who died in infancy, who is now the wife of David A. Skiles, an agriculturist of Rossville, Indiana, and has two children; Harvey Charles and Silas David; one who died in infancy; and Elizabeth C. and Charles Alfred, both of whom are attending school. Mr. Milyard also reared a child of his wife's sister, Susannah Rapp Miller, who passed away when her daughter, Ida May, was but four months old. Ida May is now the wife of Alva A. Huffman, a farmer of Oklahoma, by whom she has seven children: Bertha C., Ella C., Mary E., Lucy S., John T., Charles A. and Nannie M.

Mr. Milyard and the members of his family belong to and are regular attendants of the old German Baptist church of Wolf Creek, in which he is a second degree minister and in the work of which he takes a most helpful part. He has lived in Montgomery county for a third of a century and is respected and honored as an active and industrious citizen of exemplary habits, high principles and upright conduct, who commands the good will and trust of those with whom he is associated.

CHARLES L. LOOS.

Charles L. Loos, widely known as one of the leading educators of Ohio, now connected with the schools of Dayton as principal of the Steele high school, was born in Wellsburg, Virginia, August 5, 1849. He was reared at that place and at Bethany near by, receiving his primary and collegiate education at Bethany, where is one of the excellent colleges of the south. Throughout the period of his youth he remained at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Loos, Sr. His father was born in Woerth, a department of the lower Rhine, in 1823 and came to America in 1837 when fourteen years of age. Soon afterward he located at Bethany, West Virginia, and was graduated from Bethany College with the class of 1846. Subsequently he became a member of the faculty of the same institution, filling a professorship there for many years. Later for seventeen years he was president of the Kentucky University at Lexington, and at the present writing, in 1909, is still teaching in that institution. He was married at Bethany to Miss Rosetta E. Kerr and they had eleven children, five sons and six daughters, while four sons and three daughters yet survive.

As previously stated, Charles L. Loos of this review attended Bethany College and on his graduation received the degree of Bachelor of Arts, while two years later the Master of Arts degree was conferred upon him. On leaving college he began teaching near Minerva, Ohio, where he continued for six months

and was later elected superintendent of schools at Millersburg, Ohio, where he rendered acceptable service in charge of the schools for four yars. He was next chosen principal of the First District school in Dayton, in 1874, and continued there for thirteen years, or until 1887, when he was appointed one of the teachers in the Central high school in Dayton. For thirteen years he there remained as a teacher and in 1900 he was elected to his present position as principal of the Steele high school. Thus from the time when his college days were over he has been continuously connected with educational work and has made consecutive progress. At all times he has been a close student of the profession and its opportunities, striving ever to raise the work of the schools to a higher standard and to make instruction a thorough preparation for the practical duties of life. He served for three years on the Ohio state board of school examiners and in 1888 was elected on the Dayton city board of school examiners. He has ever sought to maintain high ideals and in his profession has greatly inspired his teachers and pupils with much of his own zeal and interest in the work. He has sought out new and practical methods of instruction and in all of his labors as a teacher has been noted for the clear and concise manner in which he has imparted knowledge, impressing it deeply upon the minds of the pupils with whom he comes in contact.

Professor Loos was married in 1875 in Millersburg, Ohio, to Miss Mary L. Mayers and they have two children: Charles L., who is now purchasing agent for the Detroit Ship Building Company; and Louise M., the wife of Harry Kissinger.

Professor Loos belongs to the church of the Disciples of Christ and his life has ever been in consistent harmony with his profession. He has studied closely the purposes of life and the possibilities which it holds for the individual and has ever endeavored to make his influence for good reach out in a constantly broadening circle. That he is a man of scholarly attainments is indicated in this review. His reading, study and research have been of a most broad and varied character, making him familiar with a wide range of topics and he is deeply interested in all that pertains to the great sociological and economic questions that are prominently before the public today.

JERRY AUCHEY.

Jerry Auchey, who has been a resident of Montgomery county for about thirty years, has won for himself a high place among the enterprising and representative citizens of Mad River township. He was born November 8, 1859, in York county, Pennsylvania, and represents one of the old pioneer families of Lancaster county, that state. His parents were John and Maria (Serff) Auchey, natives of Lancaster and York county, Pennsylvania, respectively, spending their entire lives in the Keystone state. The father was a farmer by occupation, to which pursuit he devoted his entire life. His parents were numbered among the pioneer settlers of Lancaster county and cleared the land upon which they located and made their home.

The early life of Jerry Auchey was spent in Pennsylvania and his youthful days were devoted to the acquirement of an education as a pupil of the common schools of his native county. He remained with his parents until about twenty years of age, at which time he removed to Montgomery county, Ohio, and has since remained one of its active and industrious citizens. He first sought employment in a machine shop and later established himself in the brick manufacturing business, which trade he had learned and followed to some extent in his native state. He continued in this connection for some time and then purchased five acres of fine farm land in Mad River township, where he is successfully engaged in truck gardening. He subsequently became the sole proprietor of a store at 175 Market street, and he is here conducting an extensive and growing business which is proving a source of most gratifying profit to its owner. The success to which he has attained in his business venture now enables him to take rank among the prominent and influential citizens of this community.

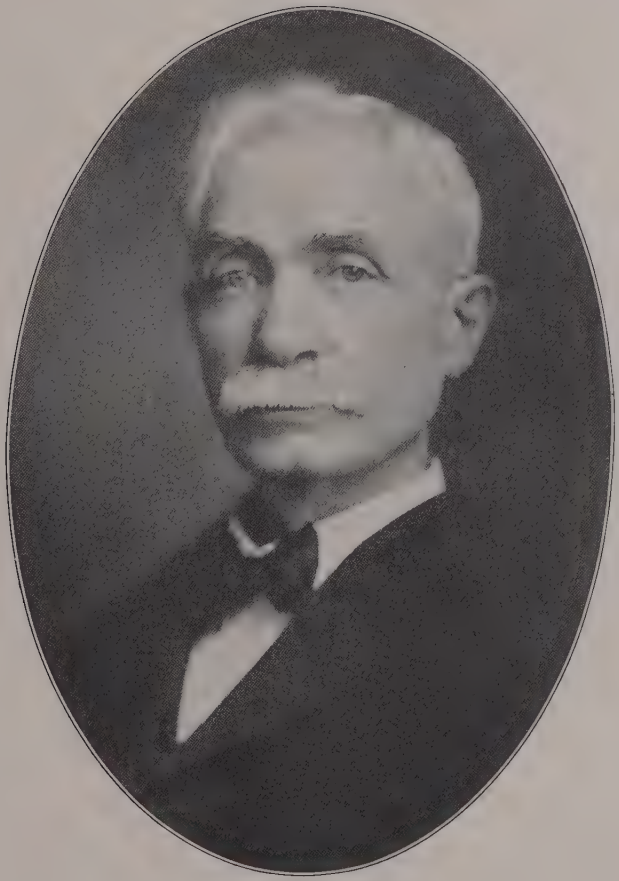
February 21, 1895, witnessed the marriage of Mr. Auchey and Miss Margaret Barrett, a daughter of Patrick and Ellen Barrett, natives of County Cork, Ireland, where they were engaged in farming and where their entire lives were spent. Unto this union was born one son, Arthur Alfred, now a student at school.

Mrs. Auchey is a prominent member of St. Joseph's Catholic church and in politics Mr. Auchey votes with the republican party. The term self-made man may justly be applied to the subject of this review, for it has been entirely through his own efforts that he has won his present prominent position in his chosen life work, for he is recognized as one of the best known gardeners in this section of the township. A hard worker throughout his entire business career, his salient characteristics have at all times been unfaltering diligence, indefatigible energy and untiring perseverance. His business integrity is beyond question and his personal qualities are such as have gained him an extensive circle of warm friends.

EDWARD E. EUCHENHOFER.

Edward E. Euchenhofer, proprietor of the Dayton Machine Works, has been engaged in business on his own account in this city since 1888. Watchfulness over all details, with a recognition of the relative value of each point in his business interests, have enabled him to make steady advance until in his present connection he is known as a prominent representative of industrial circles here and an inventor of considerable note, having produced many valuable inventions. Dayton has reason to be proud of the business record of many who are native sons, and this number includes Edward E. Euchenhofer, who was born on the 3d of October, 1852.

His father, Frederick Gottlieb Euchenhofer, was born in Germany in 1811 and was quite young when his parents died. He was a young man of twenty-one years when, in 1832, he came to the new world. He had heard and heeded the call of the western continent, believing that he might find in its business conditions the opportunity which he sought for progress in financial lines. He was



E. E. Buchanan

a baker and confectioner by trade and located first in Philadelphia, continuing in business there for several years, after which he went to Pittsburg and eventually moved to Miamisburg, Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1838, where he continued in the bakery business until coming to Dayton. In 1848 he arrived in this city and for many years was proprietor of the old Columbus House, one of the oldest hotels in the city, where the utmost cordiality was shown to citizens and strangers, and he continued in this business until 1864. He also owned and conducted the old Third Street Brewery, becoming its owner in 1858 and continuing in the business until 1867, when he sold the plant and about two years later purchased the old Tate flour mill in Dayton View and conducted it for several years, selling it in 1873. Then, on account of his successor's financial situation, he took back the brewery, which he managed until October, 1890, when he closed it and retired from active business. As the years went by he met with prosperity by reason of his careful control of his interests, so that in his later years he was enabled to enjoy the fruits of former toil. He was married twice and his first wife, whom he wedded in Philadelphia, died, leaving one son, Albert, who was born in Miamisburg in 1844 and died in Dayton, February 2, 1892, leaving a widow and four children, two sons and two daughters. After losing his first wife Mr. Euchenhofer was married in Dayton in 1849 to Catharine Discher. His death occurred February 3, 1891, when he had reached the age of eighty years, only four months after retiring from business, and thus Dayton lost one of her most respected German-American citizens. His second marriage was blessed with ten children, of whom five are living, namely: E. E. Euchenhofer, of this review; Otto W., of Dayton; Julia L., the wife of Russell H. Bates; Kate, the wife of L. Bauers, of Pekin, Illinois; and Alexander, of Dayton. Mr. Euchenhofer was also a charter member of the Teutonia Fire Insurance Company, one of the oldest and most substantial companies in this section of the country, and held a directorship therein until his death.

When he reached the age of six years Edward E. Euchenhofer was sent as a pupil to the public schools, where he continued his studies to the age of fourteen, and then secured a clerkship in Mueller & Son's dry-goods store on East Third street, thus making his initial step in the business world. That he was a faithful and capable employe is indicated in the fact that he remained with that establishment for three years. Desirous, however, of learning the machinist's business, he resigned from that position, with the good wishes of his employers, who presented him with his first set of machinist's tools. He entered the machine shop of Brownell, Kielmier & Company, with whom he learned the machinist's trade, working there for ten years, during which time his ability continuously increased so that he became recognized as a most expert workman in that line. In 1882 he was made chief engineer of the city waterworks, where he continued until the spring of 1887. In the fall of the same year he embarked in business on his own account in connection with a partner and later began the manufacture of gas engines, incorporating the business as the Dayton Gas & Gasoline Engine Company. In this business he continued for eighteen months, when he withdrew from that line to enter the regular machine business, which he carried on with a partner for three years. The association was then terminated and Mr. Euchenhofer, in the following year, engaged in business on his own account,

being now sole proprietor of the Dayton Machine Works. He is conducting a profitable industry, his long practical experience in his youthful days having given him a wide knowledge that enables him to carefully manage the business and control the efforts of his employes. He understands the business in all of its details and capably superintends the manufacture of all kinds of special machinery, which has gained a wide reputation, being sent to all parts of the United States.

In September, 1877, Mr. Euchenhofer was married to Miss Dora Makley, a daughter of Frank Makley, of New Carlisle, Ohio, and unto them have been born five children: Adolph F., Carl L., Walter I., Clara M. and Edna V. The parents are members of the German Lutheran church and Mr. Euchenhofer exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party. He has not sought prominence in political lines nor has he taken any very active part in public affairs, but he is, nevertheless, loyal at all times to his party and does all in his power to extend its influence in the community. He has won his success through close application to business combined with thorough and expert skill in the field of labor which he has chosen as his life work.

CHARLES WILLS KING, M. D.

Dr. Charles Wills King, who since 1884 has engaged in the general practice of medicine in Dayton, was born in Hillsboro, Highland county, Ohio, September 9, 1854, and in 1860 accompanied his parents on their removal to Georgetown, Brown county. His father was Frank Gibson King, who was born in Georgetown, Ohio, in 1829. The family is of English extraction and was founded in Pennsylvania at an early day. The grandfather, George W. King, was born in eastern Pennsylvania, became a lawyer by profession and located in Georgetown, Ohio, where he practiced law until his death. He was the first clerk of the courts and established the first newspaper in the county. With events that shaped the history of that locality at an early day he was prominently associated and his influence was ever on the side of progress and improvement. His son, Frank Gibson King, became a druggist and for many years was identified with mercantile pursuits. He died in 1905, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Sallie McIntyre Crum, passed away in 1904. They had a family of three sons and four daughters.

Dr. King was in his sixth year when he accompanied his parents to Georgetown, Brown county, Ohio, where he was reared and attended the public schools, pursuing his studies to the age of seventeen. He then entered a drug store in Georgetown, where he remained until 1875, when he became a student in the office of Dr. Thomas W. Gordon, of Georgetown, who directed his preliminary reading in preparation for the medical profession. In the winter he attended lectures at the Medical College of Ohio, in Cincinnati, now known as the medical department of the University of Cincinnati. Continuing his course there, he was graduated with the class of 1878 and in the fall of the same year accepted the position of resident physician in the Columbus State Hospital for the Insane,

where he continued for three years. He was soon appointed assistant superintendent of the Cleveland (Ohio) Asylum for the Insane, remaining there for three years, his hospital practice bringing him wide experience and gradually augmenting his knowledge and efficiency. In 1884 he was appointed superintendent of the Dayton (Ohio) Asylum for the Insane, filling that position for six years, his administration being highly satisfactory to the authorities, being characterized by the utmost spirit of humanitarianism, combined with broad scientific knowledge that enabled him to put forth efforts of the utmost value for the benefit of the unfortunate ones in the institution. He was also for several years on the pension board at Dayton and served as health officer of Dayton from 1899 until 1905.

In his private practice, which is now extensive and of an important character, the Doctor has evidenced his comprehensive knowledge and ability as a general practitioner. He belongs to the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Montgomery County Medical Society and the Dayton Academy of Medicine and keeps in touch with the progress of the profession as investigation and research are continually bringing to light new truths bearing upon the successful treatment and elimination of diseases. In 1907 he served as president of the Montgomery County Medical Society and, through his close conformity to a high standard of professional ethics, has always enjoyed the highest regard of his fellow practitioners.

In more strictly social relations Dr. King is a member of the Dayton City Club, of which he is now the vice president, the Dayton Golf Club and the Masonic fraternity. He also belongs to the First Presbyterian church. He was married in 1885 in Portsmouth, Ohio, to Miss Louise Robinson and they have one son, Clive W. King, now twenty-one years of age. Mrs. King's father was a descendant of Sir Phillipse Robinson, and her paternal grandmother was a descendant of Sir Astley Cooper, and a first cousin of James Fenimore Cooper. Prompted in all of his professional service by high ideals and by a sense of conscientious obligation, his labors have been of great benefit to his fellowmen.

EDWARD A. FRY.

Edward A. Fry, who with a handsome competence has retired from business life, started out in life at the age of fourteen years in the humble capacity of a clerk in a small store. His rise has been gradual and as a logical sequence has come as the result of his close application, persistent effort and ready adaptability. He represents one of the old and well known families of Dayton, his birth having here occurred March 23, 1842. His father, Henry A. Fry, was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, in 1807, and came to Dayton in 1833. He was here married to Miss Sarah M. Snyder and they became the parents of three children: Charles H., who died in Phoenix, Arizona, in May, 1909; Clara L., the deceased wife of J. M. Phelps; and E. A., of this review. The father was a cabinet maker by trade, identified with the business circles of the city during the first half of the nineteenth century. His death, however, occurred in Dayton in 1847.

Edward A. Fry was but five years of age at the time of his father's demise. He was reared in this city and acquired his education as a public-school student but at the age of fourteen sought the opportunities offered by the business world for earning a livelihood, his first employment being that of clerk in a small store. Later he remained for a time in another store and then entered the old Harmony grist and saw mill at the foot of Ludlow street, where he worked for four dollars and a half per week. He remained in that establishment for two years, his fidelity and industry winning his promotion and when he left that employ entered the Dayton & Western Railroad shops at Fifth and Perry streets. He remained there for a year, after which he again spent two years in the first store in which he was ever employed. He was next in the service of the Columbus, Hocking & Dayton Railroad Company for a time and at the age of twenty-four years turned his attention to the livery business, which he carried on near the corner of Fourth and Main streets. This was in 1865 and he continued the business until 1878, when he turned his attention to the undertaking business, from which he retired in 1905. As the years passed he made good use of his opportunities, attaining success that brought to him a comfortable competence, now enabling him to live retired.

On the 3d of December, 1868, Mr. Fry was married to Miss Sarah F. Warble, a daughter of Samuel and Caroline (Heckler) Warble. Her father was a native of Maryland, whence he came to Dayton and here spent his remaining days. He was married in this city, in 1840, to Miss Caroline Heckler and they became the parents of five children, one of whom, Mary Belle, died unmarried at the age of twenty-three years. The other four are still living, namely: Elvina, the widow of Nick Gough; Mrs. Fry; James M.; and John C. The mother of Mrs. Fry still survives and yet makes her home in Dayton.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Fry was blessed with two children. The daughter, Fannie B., became the wife of John E. Weiffenbach and they have two daughters, Helen Louise and Harriet. Charles E. Fry, the son, is now a resident of Nevada. The family attend the First Lutheran church, to the support of which Mr. Fry contributes liberally. His study of the questions and issues of the day has led him to give his political support to the republican party but he never seeks nor desires office. He is a self-made man, owing his advancement entirely to his earnest and indefatigable efforts and now he is enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned rest.

JACOB A. OSWALD.

There are certain business concerns which are recognized as the leaders in their line of trade and are perhaps widely known in that special field, setting the standard for activity of that character. It is seldom, however, that a single business enterprise is so widely known as the National Cash Register Company of Dayton and yet there is scarcely a village or hamlet in the entire country so unimportant that the product of this house is not known there. The Dayton enterprise has developed into one of the most important industrial interests

in the entire country and Jacob A. Oswald is prominently connected therewith as its superintendent.

A native of Cincinnati, he was born on the 7th of December, 1866, and there lived to the age of fifteen years when necessity and ambition prompted him to seek the business opportunities offered in Dayton, coming alone to this city in 1881. He had in previous years been left an orphan and his guardian, William C. Oswald, a Dayton man and distant relative, placed him in a general jobbing and repairing machine shop where he entered upon a four years' apprenticeship. He applied himself diligently to the mastery of the tasks assigned him, displaying the qualities of close application, thoroughness and systematic activity which have characterized his entire business career.

On the completion of his term of indenture Mr. Oswald worked for various firms in Dayton, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Miamisburg, being thus employed for several years, after which he returned to Dayton in 1891 and entered the employ of the National Cash Register Company as assembler at the bench. The demand of the business world is capability and invariably it wins advance in course of time. Promotion came to Mr. Oswald when he was assigned to the position of inspector and successively he became job foreman, later assistant foreman of a larger department, afterward head of the repair department, then foreman of the assembling department, head of the final inspection department, supervisor of all the assembling department and eventually was made superintendent on the 28th of May, 1908, which position he is now filling, his promotions coming to him in merited recognition of his worth, his fidelity and his enterprise.

In November, 1892, Mr. Oswald was married to Miss Theresa M. Dieker, a daughter of Herman Dieker, and unto them have been born two daughters and a son, Florence C., Helen C. and Joseph A. He holds membership in St. Andrew's Episcopal church, is a worthy exemplar of the Masonic fraternity, holding membership in the lodge, chapter and council, and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Oakwood Twenty-Five Club. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and the value of comradeship, but allows no outside interests to interfere with his business duties and obligations, which are now of a most onerous and responsible character. Dependent upon his own resources from an early age, and without influence to assist in his promotion, he has worked his way steadily upward through his unfaltering determination and unwearied diligence, his ability increasing with the exercise of his powers until his position from both a business and financial standpoint is an enviable one.

JOHN D. STEIGER.

John D. Steiger, who is the head of the Steiger family, is the owner of twenty-five acres of fine farm land on the east side of the Brandt pike, about three miles from the center of Dayton. He and his sister Annie and brother Adam are the members of a rather large and happy family who live on the farm and cultivate it to a high degree of productiveness. The father and mother, Peter and Eva (Schantz) Steiger, came to this country with their ten children and located in

Dayton. Peter Steiger had been a successful farmer in the land of his birth, so that it was but natural that some members of his family should follow the same pursuit. Both the parents and three of the children, two of whom bore the name of Jacob, and a daughter Katie, have passed away; Maggie, now Mrs. Bolk, John, Peter, of Dayton, George, Adam, Annie and Catherine are still living.

Though he did not come to this country until in early manhood John D. Steiger is one of the best known gardeners of this county and in Dayton, where he has a stand in the market on Jefferson street, at which he displays the results of his excellent culture of the soil. It is by his own efforts that he has attained this position, efforts that have been directed to producing the very best that any farm could bring forth, even those eight acres just outside of the city, which are accounted some of the arable land in this part of the county. His vegetables are always among the first offered to the purchaser of the town and among the latest of good quality to be seen in any markets, while during the heart of the summer season his wagons are piled high with delectable green things.

Mr. Steiger has not given all his time to the cultivation of succulent vegetables to the exclusion of other interests, for he is a man who enjoys the wholesome companionship of his kind. Many of his hours of relaxation are passed in the congenial gatherings of his Harugari brethren, among whom he is deservedly popular. In St. John's Lutheran church he finds the spiritual nourishment which has its growth in his daily life, for he is a man who is a Christian in every sense of the word, who in all his business dealings holds to a high code of honor. This quality of his character united with his industry and good management has made possible his achievements in the occupation he has chosen for his life work, and has won for him the high esteem in which he is held by all those who know him or have had business dealings with him.

HAMILTON KERR.

Hamilton Kerr, who is engaged in the life insurance business in Dayton, with a large clientele, was born on a farm in Miami county, Ohio, on the 11th of June, 1858. Quiet and uneventful as the lives of most farm boys, the years of his youth passed in the attainment of an education in the country schools, supplemented by a course of study in Tippecanoe City, Ohio, and in Smith's seminary in Xenia, Ohio. He remained upon the home farm until 1883 and was not only provided with good educational privileges but was also trained in the work of the fields and gained something in the freedom and experiences of outdoor life that have constituted a substantial foundation on which to build his later success.

At the age of seventeen years he began teaching school in Miami county and followed the profession for seven years, including one year spent as a teacher at Oldtown, Greene county, Ohio. He divided his time between the work of the school room and of the fields in Miami county until 1883 when, thinking to establish his home in the northwest he removed to Huron, South Dakota, where he conducted a law and collection agency. There he carried on business in that line until 1894, when he removed to Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he remained for

HAMILTON KERR

four years, acting as immigration agent for various railroad companies. In 1898 he came to Dayton and established an insurance office, since which time he has conducted business along this line. He was also engaged in the life insurance business while in Huron, South Dakota. He represents a number of the old line companies, is thoroughly familiar with insurance and the advantages offered in every department, while his ability in business lines is evidenced in the large clientage which he has secured.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Kerr was married on the 24th of December, 1879, in Dayton, to Miss Harriet E. Martin, of Xenia, Ohio, a daughter of Isaac and Laura Martin, both deceased. They have four children: Earl R., located at Phoenix, Arizona; Eva Leola, the wife of W. C. Wilhelm, of Dayton, Ohio; Edna Lorena, the wife of Lieutenant Sidney H. Guthrie, of the United States Coast Artillery, located at Fortress Monroe, Virginia; and Newell H., who was graduated at Staunton Military Academy and is now at home.

Mr. Kerr belongs to the Masonic fraternity, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and the Knights of Pythias. He is a republican in his political views but not an active partisan. His church relationship is with the Methodist Episcopal denomination. His salient characteristics are such as command trust and confidence, while his persistency of purpose and adaptability in business have brought to him the success which is now his.

JAMES C. REBER.

Not the good that comes to us, but the good that comes to the world through us, is the measure of our success, and judged by this standard as well as the standards of business life, James C. Reber was a most successful man. He wrote his history in charity and philanthropy, and while none but himself knew of the full extent of his benefactions, thousands of acts of kindness and helpfulness which he performed have been stated by those who were benefited thereby. That man may well be said to have lived whose passing leaves deep sorrow in the hearts of his friends. The memory of Mr. Reber is cherished by all who knew him and will be for years to come.

He was a native of Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred in Lewisburg, Union county, on the 13th of May, 1847. In the family of fifteen children he was the youngest and was but a youth when he accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Freeport, Illinois. At the age of thirteen, being too young to regularly enlist in the Civil war, he accompanied his brothers, Samuel and Levi, to the front and became an orderly in the Forty-sixth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, of which his brothers were members. Later he enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio and participated in a number of hotly contested engagements, serving at Fort Donelson, in 1862, and at Shiloh on the 7th of April of the same year. He was with Sherman during the first two days of the siege of Vicksburg and was on active duty in other places, his military record being a most creditable one, equal in its display of valor and loyalty to that of many a one twice or thrice his years.

After the close of the war Mr. Reber came to Dayton and from a humble clerkship worked his way steadily upward. He did not advance by leaps and bounds but by that steady progress which marks the successful accomplishment of every task undertaken. Each forward step brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities and he never failed to utilize the legitimate advantages which came to hand. His discernment was keen, his business judgment sound and reliable, and his energy was unfaltering. After his marriage he entered the Winters National Bank, in which he was readily promoted until he held the high position of vice president. He was associated with many business enterprises, which felt the stimulus of his activity and indefatigable energy. He was also identified with the J. W. Sefton Company, of Chicago, and Anderson, Indiana, held a large amount of stock in the Home Telephone Company, and was president of the company until the last election preceding his death. He was also a heavy stockholder in the Dayton Lighting Company, in the Dayton Northern Traction Company, the Wagner Fresh Water Supply, and other business enterprises which have been important elements in the growth and upbuilding of the city. In his business transactions he was notably prompt and reliable, never incurring obligations that he did not meet, nor making engagements that he did not fill. Among his associates and colleagues he was regarded as the soul of commercial integrity.

Mr. Reber was married twice. In the early '70s he wedded Miss Kate Snyder, who was the mother of his three children: John G., who passed away a short time prior to his father's death; Russell, who died in infancy; and Maude, who survives the father and was with him at the time of his demise. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Reber afterward wedded Mrs. Laura Winters Macgregor, who passed away three months prior to the death of her husband. Mr. Reber was devoted to the welfare of his family and the members of his own household were ever first in his love and affections. He manifested a most fraternal spirit in his membership in the Old Guard Post, G. A. R., and in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. In religious work he took a most deep and helpful interest. He was long a leading member of the First Reformed church and served as one of its elders, while in all branches of the church activity he was deeply and helpfully interested. He also held membership in the Young Men's Christian Association, was chairman of the Memorial Hall building committee and one of the trustees at the time of his death. No man in Dayton manifested a more philanthropic spirit. He gave widely, but wisely, to many enterprises and organizations that had for their object the betterment of mankind or the uplifting of the masses. While preeminently a successful business man, he regarded himself as but the custodian of a trust and generously gave of his means to assist others. His nature was social, his manner genial and kindly, and his circle of friends was only limited by the circle of his acquaintance. He was a Christian man in the broadest sense of the term, which accurately describes his disposition and its tributes. He passed away March 27, 1909. He had previously been in ill health for a time but went south to Florida and was greatly benefited by the change, in fact, so much so that he was making preparations to return home when death claimed him.

Perhaps no better estimate of the life and character of Mr. Reber can be given than quoting from Dr. W. A. Hale, his pastor, and for many years one of his warmest personal friends: "His career is a revelation of what God is to men. He came home from the army to unite with the church. I know I am not partial when I say few men have been so universally accepted as genuinely friends of God. A scriptural commandment was the end of all argument with him. I have been a long time a resident of this city and never have I seen so many of our citizens feel as in this instance they were personally bereft. His religious activities were as wide as the city, as wide as the state, as wide as his country and as wide as the world. A beautiful trait of his character was exemplified some years since on a little vacation. He was one of a small party of capitalists taking an outing in the northwest. Sunday came and he went to worship in a hall, the only place for holding public worship in the frontier town. They had no pastor, and ascertaining who he was (and you could not know him without discovering he was a Christian), they asked him to take part in the service. He did, and his practical mind saw at once what the people needed. He proposed building a church, took up a subscription, in which the people responded liberally, and took the subscription paper and presented it to his companions, returning it to his new friends with checks and money enough to build a new church. He was in this town once afterward and worshiped in the new church. I asked what denomination was it. He answered, 'I don't know. They used Gospel hymns; but it was a church and place for the children.' Oh, how he loved children! What delight our children found in waiting in the hall to shake his hand and be gathered in his arms. He had his sorrows, trials and disappointments as we all have, but he kept sweet, grew gentler, more sympathetic, more charitable, more hopeful, more self sacrificing as the years passed. The supreme excellencies of noble character—love of the family, love of the church, and love of country—were more dominant, purer and more beautifully manifest in the later years of his life. How often have I heard him talk of his home, saying: 'My blessed home!' Not long since he remarked: 'There are two things I enjoy to the fullest degree—my family and my church.' No wonder he called these heaven on earth. He loved with an unselfish devotion and with a divine magnetism drew the objects of his love to his own great heart. In the light of God's word he rejoiced in the assurance that these were the pleasures of heaven."

JAMES MANFORT WEAVER, M. D.

Professional service at the National Soldiers' Home has been the path that has led a number of capable members of the medical profession to Dayton. Dr. Weaver, after serving for six years in the national institution, came to Dayton in 1880 and the years have chronicled his continuous and growing success, for he not only had the benefit of thorough instruction as a preparation for his chosen calling but has remained to the present a close and discriminating student of the science of medicine, his keen sagacity enabling him to quickly distinguish between

the essential and the non-essential in all of the modern experiments, theories and discoveries put forth by the medical fraternity.

Dr. Weaver is a native of the neighboring state of Indiana, his birth having occurred near Greensburg in Decatur county, April 9, 1838. His father, the Rev. John S. Weaver, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1802, was descended from ancestry that came from Alsace-Lorraine, the great-grandfather of Dr. Weaver being the first member of the family to come to the new world. His son, John Weaver, was for many years a shipbuilder in the United States navy and afterward became identified with agricultural pursuits in Ohio. He wedded Mary Smallwood, of Philadelphia, and they reared a family of eight or ten children, whose descendants are now scattered widely over the country.

The Rev. John S. Weaver was a member of the first class graduated from Miami University and later was a tutor at Oxford for some time. About 1828 he was ordained to the ministry of the Presbyterian church and accepted a pastorate at Bellbrook, Greene county. Later he assumed charge of the church in Franklin, Warren county, Ohio, and was afterward the pastor of the church called Sand Creek Presbyterian church near Greensburg, Indiana, returning thence to Ohio about 1839. Following that date he engaged in preaching at the Bethel Presbyterian church near Millville, Butler county, for two or three years and then took charge of the New Jersey church in Warren county, now called the Carlisle church. After severing his connection therewith about 1858 he assumed charge of Dick's Creek church, making his home in the village of Blue Ball, along the line of Butler and Warren counties, Ohio, where he continued until 1865, when he removed to Springfield. He continued in the work of the church, although not having a special charge, his last sermon being delivered at Bellbrook, where he began his work in the ministry, his death occurring in Springfield, Ohio, in 1872. He made frequent and valuable contributions to religious journals and was recognized as a man of high literary attainments, as well as of marked consecration and zeal in the work of the church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Amanda Hurin, was a daughter of Silas Hurin, one of the early settlers of Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio, where he located on removing from New Jersey, his native state. By trade he was a tanner. He wedded a Miss Ludlow, who also represented one of the pioneer families of Ohio, and their daughter Amanda was born in Lebanon. Her death occurred in 1882. By her marriage she had become the mother of seven children: Susan A., deceased; Kate C., also deceased, who was the wife of Captain James H. Robison; James M.; Mary Agnes, the widow of Captain A. M. Robinson; John S., who has always been engaged in educational work; Georgiana D., the wife of R. E. Naylor; and Walter L., an attorney of Springfield, Ohio.

Dr. Weaver spent his youthful years in southern Ohio, where he early became inured to farm work, dividing his time between the work of the fields in the summer and the pursuit of an education in the district schools through the winter. He afterward benefited by two years' instruction in an academy and also taught for one winter. In 1857 he became a student in the office and under the direction of Drs. Firestone and Robison, of Wooster, Ohio, and attended his first course of lectures in Cincinnati in the winter of 1859-60. Later he became a student in the medical department of the Western Reserve College at Cleveland, where he was

graduated in 1861. He at once located for practice in Jackson, Wayne county, Ohio, but was just getting a start in his professional career when he put aside all personal considerations to aid his country.

It was on the 17th of August, 1862, that Dr. Weaver was appointed assistant surgeon of the Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, so continuing until 1864, when he was promoted to the rank of surgeon and was thus mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, June 8, 1865. He was under fire in all the battles of his regiment save those of the Atlanta campaign, for just after the beginning of that campaign he was detailed in charge of division hospital at Atlanta, Georgia, where he continued until mustered out of service at Nashville, Tennessee. In the meantime he had been captured at Chickamauga, where he remained to take care of the wounded and was sent to Libby prison, where he continued from September 21, 1863, until the 1st of December following, being held as a hostage, though treated as a prisoner of war. He did valuable service for his wounded and suffering comrades through the period of his connection with the army, many having reason to bless him for timely and skilfull aid.

Dr. Weaver's military service also brought him wide and varied experience which was of much usefulness to him. On his retirement from the army he located for practice in Wooster, Ohio, where he formed a partnership with Dr. J. D. Robison and continued until 1874. In that year he was appointed chief surgeon to the National Soldiers' Home at Dayton, where he remained for six years or until 1880, when he came to the city, since which time he has practiced successfully as a physician and surgeon here. He is widely known as a skillful and conscientious practitioner, knowing that the issues of life and death are often in his hands. He is very careful in the diagnosis of his cases and seldom, if ever, at fault in anticipating the outcome. His reading, too, covers a wide range and makes him conversant with the most advanced scientific ideas of the profession. While in Wooster he served as a member of the board of pension examiners and in Dayton has acted in the same capacity almost continuously from 1882. He occupied the position of health officer in Dayton from 1886 until 1891 and since 1882 has been a member of the consulting staff of St. Elizabeth's hospital, while since 1881 he has been surgeon for the Big Four Railroad. He has financial interests as a stockholder and director in the Gem City Building & Loan Association and is now one of its vice presidents.

On the 6th of September, 1865, Dr. Weaver was married to Miss Sarah J. Jacobs, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, a native of Wooster, Ohio, and a daughter of William Jacobs. Dr. and Mrs. Weaver became the parents of three daughters and a son: Anna L., who died at the age of sixteen; Mary M., who passed away in infancy; Frederick C.; and Mima J. The son was born December 16, 1870, and after attending the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, read medicine with his father and completed his course in the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in 1894. He now practices in Dayton, has been one of the attending physicians of St. Elizabeth's hospital and was assistant surgeon of the Third Regiment of the Ohio National Guard. He wedded Miss Mary E. Bridgeman, of London, Ohio, in 1891.

Dr. J. M. Weaver gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served for three terms as a member of the school board, while in all matters

of vital import to the community he is deeply interested. His fraternal relations are with Dayton Lodge, No. 147, A. F. & A. M., Unity Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M., Reese Council, No. 9, R. & S. M., and Reed Commandery, No. 6. He has also attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and he maintains pleasant relations with his army comrades through his membership in Old Guard Post, No. 23, G. A. R. For thirty-five years he has been a member of the First Presbyterian church. His professional relations are with the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the State Association of Railroad Surgeons and the National Association of Railroad Surgeons. He has today passed the allotted psalmist's span of three score years and ten but still remains an active member of the profession which by his capable work he has honored through a practice covering forty-eight years.

EZRA E. COLER.

Ezra E. Coler, a farmer and stockman on the western outskirts of Dayton, was born on the farm, November 19, 1857, the son of Noah Coler, who was born in Maryland in 1828 and came to Montgomery county with his parents, Joseph and Elizabeth Coler, when he was five years of age. They were both natives of Maryland and were of German and English extraction. Noah Coler grew to young manhood on a farm, receiving his education at the schools of the county, which he attended while he assisted with the work on the home farm. On completing his education, he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed for a few years. On the 7th of March, 1852, he was married to Miss Eliza A. Gregg, the daughter of Silas and Susan Gregg, of Preble county, Ohio, of which union there were ten children born. Mr. Coler filled many minor offices of trust at the disposal of the people with honor and was recognized as a man of more than ordinary ability. He was one of the influential farmers of Jefferson township, and in fact of the county. Throughout life Noah Coler was the owner of several fine farms and made the breeding of thoroughbred stock a specialty.

This branch of farming his son, Ezra E. Coler, adopted as his vocation in life, and in it he has won more than local distinction and renown. Together the father and son have done more than any men in the country for the improvement of the Poland China breed of hogs. Today Ezra E. Coler has a herd of hogs of the finest quality, most of them prize winners. At the head of this herd is Black Sunshine, No. 38317, who won the first prize and special sweepstakes at the St. Louis World's Fair and at many other fairs, including the Ohio State Fair, and carries more honors than any other hog of the breed in the state of Ohio. The dams in the herd have many times been prize winners and have been sired by some of the noted prize-winners of the world. In connection with the breeding of hogs Mr. Coler gives his attention to raising Barred Plymouth Rock chickens of the highest standard. His efforts in his chosen field of work have been recognized and appreciated by his fellow breeders, and in the several associations that look to advancing the interests of these men he has held important positions.

E. E. COLER AND FAMILY

He is one of the board of directors of the Poland China Record Association; has been president of the Ohio State Swine Breeders Association; and is a member of the Indiana State Swine Breeders Association. On many occasions in this and neighboring states he has been called upon to exercise the prerogatives of expert swine judge at the fairs. At these he was formerly a successful exhibitor, but of late years he has not entered, in this way generously giving others an opportunity to carry off some of the honors. However, he continues having his annual stock sales.

On the 31st of January, 1886, Ezra E. Coler and Miss Ida E. Kline, the daughter of Peter and Mary A. Kline, were united in marriage, and shortly after their union began farming on one of the largest and best farms in the township which they now own. Besides this, Mr. Coler also owns property in the city of Dayton. Two children, Everett Earl and Charles Ray, bless the couple. Everett Earl Coler, born April 17, 1890, is a graduate of the Jefferson township and the Dayton Steele high schools, and has been a student at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. He has taught in District No. 12, of Jefferson township, and is now principal of Liberty school. The younger son is still attending the township high school. Both boys have shown a liking for their father's business, and the latter has taken them into partnership, so that his stock breeding industry is known as that of E. E. Coler & Sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Coler are members of the Bear Creek Brethren church, of which Mr. Coler has been a trustee for ten years, and his wife treasurer for a like period. Mr. Coler occupies a prominent position in the life and industry of the township, by reason of his success in his vocation, and his wife has fulfilled her slightly different duties with equal distinction and tact. So that the couple may be considered as representative citizens of Jefferson township, and in many respects are deemed leaders in church and social affairs.

J. C. SOWARD.

Death often claims those whom we can ill afford to lose because of their value as citizens and business men and their worth as factors in the community. To this class belonged J. C. Soward whose position of prominence as a music dealer of Dayton through thirty-five years had made him well known in the city. Moreover he displayed those sterling qualities that hold one's friends as with hooks of steel. He left the impress of his individuality for good upon the interests of the community and it will be years to come before his influence will cease to be felt as a moving force in the lives of those who knew him.

Mr. Soward was born on a farm near Bellbrook, Ohio, about 1845. His mother, Mrs. Julia Soward, still survives at the venerable age of ninety years, while his sister, Mrs. I. L. Crowell, is well known as a representative of the millinery trade in Dayton and a brother, I. N. Soward, is a resident of Urbana, Ohio.

J. C. Soward spent his youthful days on the old homestead, early becoming familiar with the work of the fields where he labored through the summer season while in the winter months he pursued his education in the public schools.

Agricultural life, however, did not prove entirely congenial to him as he believed there were broader opportunities in the business circles of the city. Accordingly he came to Dayton when twenty-nine years of age and entered business life as a dealer in musical instruments on South Jefferson street. Later he identified himself with J. T. Kenney and the firm conducted a general music business on East Third street for a number of years. Later he became junior partner of the firm of Du Bois & Soward, the senior partner being J. D. Du Bois. This house for some years occupied a leading position among the dealers in all forms of musical instruments. The partnership was terminated by the death of Mr. Du Bois, at which time a stock company was organized under the name of J. C. Soward & Company and for some years the enterprise has been one of the leading commercial houses on North Main street. Throughout the long years of his connection with commercial interests Mr. Soward sustained an unassailable reputation. He would never stoop to anything that was not strictly honorable nor would he countenance anything of the kind as a representative of the firm. His record indicates that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously, for in the legitimate lines of trade through his industry and perseverance he won a substantial measure of prosperity and came to be recognized as one of the most reliable merchants of the city.

In early manhood Mr. Soward was united in marriage to Miss Rebecca James, who died twenty-four years prior to his demise, leaving a son, Herbert Soward, who is now president and treasurer of the Soward Music Company. For his second wife he chose Miss Georgiana Weaver, who survives him and unto this union were born three children of whom two are living, Roscoe and Helen. To his family Mr. Soward was most devoted, his best traits of character always being reserved for his own fireside. While he was an indulgent he was also a wise father and always sought out those things which were for the best and permanent good of his loved ones. He had the happy faculty of winning warm friendships and enjoyed the highest regard not only of those whom he met in social relations but of those with whom he became connected in business life. To his employes he was always fair and just and even went beyond that, proving his friendship to them on many occasions. He extended his kindness in every walk of life where his course led him. It was a dominant characteristic of the man that he was never heard to utter any careless remark belittling or condemning anybody. His code of ethics was a high one that sought the greatest good for the greatest number, with belief in righteousness, justice, sobriety and truth. He never rated men by their material acquisitions but by character worth and he numbered his friends among young and old, rich and poor.

FRANK S. BREENE.

For more than a quarter of a century Frank S. Breene has practiced at the Dayton bar and, recognizing at the outset of his career that industry and close application are as indispensable in professional advancement as in industrial or commercial circles he has put forth persistent effort, mastering the legal prin-

ciples involved in the litigation which he has handled and never failing to give a thorough preparation before he brings his case into court. Mr. Breene is one of Dayton's native sons, his birth having here occurred November 20, 1860. His parents are William G. and Margaret Breene, long time residents of Dayton and highly respected of all. At the usual age the son entered the public schools, where he passed through consecutive grades to his graduation from the Central high school with the class of 1879. Determining to make the practice of law his life work he became a student in the office of the firm of Marshall & Gottschall, who directed his reading until his admission to the bar in May, 1883. He has practiced alone almost from the beginning of his professional career, working earnestly for the success which is now his and which places him in a prominent position among the strong and able representatives of the Dayton bar. His social qualities, too, have made him many friends and he is most widely and favorably known in the city of his nativity.

JACOB SPITLER.

Jacob Spitler is well known in Brookville as the senior partner of the firm of Spilter & Spilter, dealers in agricultural implements, heavy merchandise and buggies at Brookville. He was born in Montgomery county, October 12, 1853, his parents being David and Nancy Spitler, the former a farmer by occupation. During the formative period of this part of the state the grandfather, Jacob Spitler, arrived in the county, coming early in the nineteenth century. He settled near Brookville and began the development of a farm. At that day it was necessary to drive to Cincinnati for supplies and also to effect the sale of farm produce. No railroads had been built and comparatively few roads had been made. Much of the land was still covered with the native forest growth and gave little evidence of the development and improvement which was soon to transform this district into one of the most populous and prosperous parts of the state.

In the common schools Jacob Spitler of this review pursued his education and, after putting aside his text-books, he began farming on his own account, cultivating a tract of land until 1899. He then entered mercantile circles, dealing in agricultural implements, heavy merchandise and buggies at Brookville under the firm name of Spitler & Spitler, his son Charles R. being his partner. He has since continued in this field of activity and the firm now enjoys an extensive and gratifying trade. Their business methods are such as will bear the closest investigation and scrutiny and their enterprise and energy have carried them into important commercial relations.

In 1871 Jacob Spitler was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Overholser, of Brookville, and they have become the parents of four children: Elliott O., of Brookville; Charles R., who is his father's partner in business; Jesse C., also of Brookville; and Lola E., the wife of Arthur Norris, who is engaged in the coal business of Brookville. Mr. Spitler is a member of the junior order of United Order of American Mechanics and also of the Knights of Pythias fraternity. He has served as a trustee of his township and also as a school director and is

very interested in those measures and movements which pertain to the welfare and progress of the community. His life has been well spent and he is now numbered among the representative merchants of this part of the state. He was equally well known in his connection with agricultural interests and at all times his sterling qualities have gained him the friendly regard of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

CHARLES R. SPITLER.

Charles R. Spitler, junior member of the firm of Spitler & Spitler of Brookville, his native city, was born October 12, 1875, and is a son of Jacob and Catherine Spitler, also natives of Montgomery county. At the usual age he was sent as a pupil to the public schools and mastered the various branches of learning taught in consecutive grades until he became a high-school student. He was born and reared on a farm and there remained until 1890, when he came to Brookville. In 1898 he joined his father in their business under the firm style of Spitler & Spitler and have conducted the enterprise to the present day, building up an extensive and gratifying trade. In 1908 they extended the scope of their activities by becoming extensive dealers in coal and have had large sales in that commodity in the intervening period.

In 1895 Mr. Spitler was united in marriage to Miss Olive Belle Mills, a daughter of Truman B. Mills, of whom mention is made elsewhere in this volume. They now have one child, Herbert, ten years of age. The parents are members of the United Brethren church and Mr. Spitler has also been identified with the junior order of United Order of American Mechanics for the past fourteen years. In politics he is a stanch and stalwart democrat, giving freely of his time and means to the support of his party. He has been a delegate to the democratic convention to this district and is a member of the board of health. Aside from his mercantile interests he is connected with the Brookville Manufacturing Company and he has settled more estates than any other one man of the locality, acting as administrator and executor, and at all times having the entire confidence of the general public. He is a man whose business reliability is above question and in no business undertaking has he been known to take advantage of his fellowmen in even the slightest degree.

JOHN JAMES HALL.

John James Hall has for some years engaged in the abstract and title guarantee business, while various other interests have also felt the stimulus of his energy and determined business policy. He was born in Dayton, August 7, 1860, and spent his youthful days in the acquirement of an education in the parochial schools, but at the age of fourteen put aside his text-books to provide for his own sup-

port, his first employment being in the office of the recorder of Montgomery county, where he occupied a clerical position until eighteen years of age.

In 1894, in partnership with Edward T. Hall, he established an abstract business, in which he has continued until the present time. He soon became recognized for his accuracy, promptness and reliability—qualities which have secured for him a liberal patronage. He has not confined his efforts alone to one line, however, but has sought out other profitable fields and various enterprises have been benefited by his cooperation and sound business judgment. He is now the president of the Phillips House Hotel Company; president of the Miami Land & Title Company; president of the Dayton Saw Mill & Lumber Company; vice president of the American Loan & Savings Association; president of the Enid (Okla.) Development Company; a director in the Enid Street Railway Company; a director in the Dayton Breweries Company; and vice president of the Dayton Street Railroad Construction Company. His investments have been judiciously placed and his interests now cover a wide range, so that his financial returns are substantial. In business affairs he manifests sound judgment and keen discrimination being rarely, if ever, at fault in his judgment concerning the value of a situation or its opportunities. He is also connected with the Dayton Chamber of Commerce and is thus allied with many movements for promoting the welfare of the city.

In 1883 occurred the marriage of Mr. Hall and Miss Jennie Crowe, of Dayton, and they now have two children, Adelaide M. and Robert J. Mr. Hall belongs to St. Joseph Catholic church and in politics is a democrat, but not active in the work of the party. He has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and as he has felt that experience has developed his powers he has extended his efforts into various lines and is today recognized as a valued factor in the commercial and financial circles of the city.

LEONARD UHRIG.

Leonard Uhrig, a nurseryman of Harrison township, is the owner of about twenty-five acres of fine farming property situated on the northern edge of Dayton. It was on this farm (the old family homestead) that his birth occurred, his parents being Peter and Margaret Elizabeth (Marquardt) Uhrig. The paternal grandfather of our subject, who came to this country from Germany, served as a soldier in the Prussian army. Peter Uhrig, a stonemason by trade, became one of the early settlers of Montgomery county and was well known and highly esteemed as a substantial and progressive citizen. His family numbered six children, namely: Kate, Mary, Philip, John, Leonard and Peter.

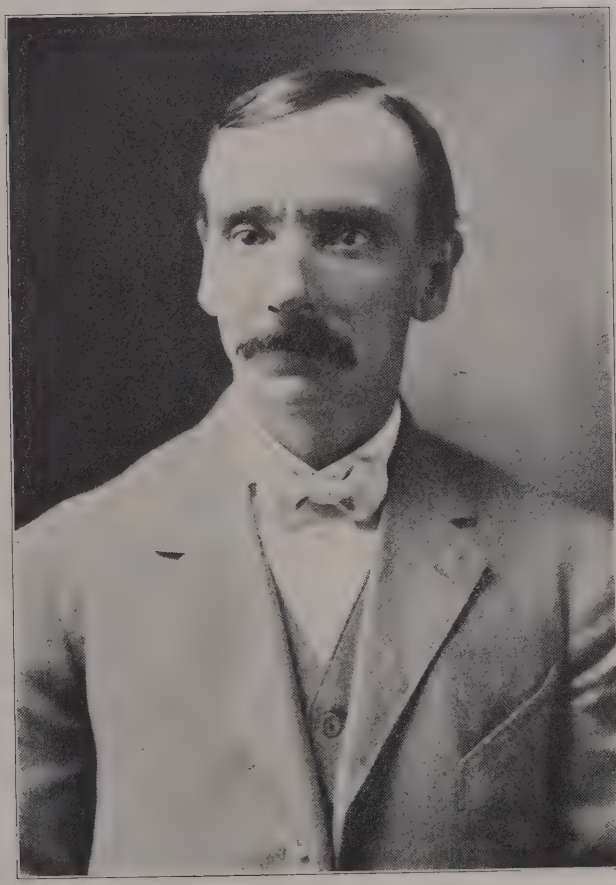
Leonard Uhrig obtained his education in the schools of his home neighborhood and when not busy with his lessons he worked in the nursery. He has conducted a nursery throughout his entire business career and has met with well merited and gratifying success in this undertaking, having long been numbered among the prosperous, enterprising and representative citizens of the community.

On the 17th of January, 1881, Mr. Uhrig was united in marriage to Miss Annie Eickhoff, a daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Eickhoff, who were natives of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Uhrig now have four children: Clarence, a resident of Canada; May, the wife of Dr. Cotturn, of Marine Mills, Minnesota; Clara, living in Dayton; and Birdie, who is attending school. The members of the family belong to the German Lutheran church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. Having spent his entire life in this county, Mr. Uhrig is widely and favorably known within its borders and his salient traits of character are such as commend him to the confidence and good will of all with whom he comes in contact.

GEORGE W. BARTHOLOMEW.

George W. Bartholomew is the manager of the Miami Floral Company, of Dayton, which he has helped to make the largest concern of its kind in the state. It is situated at the foot of Broadway and River road in Harrison township, Montgomery county, and its size and extent may be judged from an enumeration of some of the buildings in which the many varieties of plants are grown. The greenhouses proper consist of four buildings, two hundred and fifty feet in length by thirty in width, all devoted to roses, of which there are thirty-five thousand plants. Carnations are another flower to which the firm gives a great deal of attention, having fifty thousand plants under cover and one hundred thousand in the field. The demand for Easter lilies is met by a growth of seventy-five thousand plants, while the popular calla lilies are represented by a stock of five thousand plants. In addition to these the company imports upwards of one hundred thousand different bulbs. A considerable space is given to bedding stock, smilax and ferns of various kinds. Four houses, three hundred and sixty-five by thirty-four feet are given over to carnations, while fifteen thousand square feet are devoted to miscellaneous stock, which includes about thirty thousand aster plants.

Mr. Bartholomew, who takes such a pride in the greenhouses and the plants he grows, was born in Hampshire, England, May 19, 1863, the son of Mathew and Sarah (Thatcher) Bartholomew. The father was a gamekeeper on the estate of Lord Calthorpe at the time of George Bartholomew's birth, but is now living in retirement after a life of arduous work. He is a man of a fine English type, was a hard worker during his active years and also a good manager, and is highly respected among his circle of acquaintances. He is the father of eight children, of whom there are living: Ellen, Anna, Edith, Ada, John, Frederick and George. Charles is deceased. George is the only member of the family who has come to the United States, and he did not come until he had compassed his early manhood, after he had received his education and after he had had some experience in the business in which he is now engaged. He entered this occupation at the age of fourteen and has devoted all the subsequent years of his life to attaining an enviable position among those engaged in like pursuit. Six years ago he came to Dayton, Ohio, to take charge of this plant and has been chiefly instrumental in bringing about its great growth and in placing it in the fore ranks of floral



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concerns in the country. When he assumed the management of the plant, there were only fifteen thousand square feet of glass, whereas now there are some three hundred thousand square feet—a fact which may serve to indicate the manner in which he entered into the spirit of his duties.

On the 20th of April, 1884, Mr. Bartholomew was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Ewings, whose parents have come to this country and are living with their daughter. Five children have been born of this union: Ruby, who has completed her school course; Raymond, who is married to Miss Charlotte Bittner; Herbert J., who assists his father; and Elsie and Bessie, who are still in school. The family profess allegiance to the Episcopal church and are in regular attendance at its services.

Mr. Bartholomew is a member of Court Cooper, Independent Order of Foresters, in whose ideals and welfare he has demonstrated practical interest. Among his fraternal brothers he has made many friends, but it is in the world of work and endeavor that he has distinguished himself. He has been a hard, enthusiastic toiler, setting up high ideals of achievement and rising ever higher in their attainment. The success that has come to him in consequence is both gratifying to himself, as a palpable reward, but also to the community and the city where he lives, for they have profited, if only indirectly, by his labors.

WILLIAM WEBSTER ENSEY, M. D.

Dr. William Webster Ensey, for fifteen years a well known representative of the medical fraternity in Dayton, his native city, was born December 3, 1869. He represents one of the old families of this part of the state and in fact the name of Ensey has been associated with the development and progress of Dayton for almost a century. His grandfather, John Ensey, a native of Frederick county, Maryland, born in 1783, came to Dayton during the period of its villagehood. He was married in 1810 to Miss Sarah Thompson, who died in 1864. She, too, was a representative of one of the oldest families in this portion of Ohio, her parents being Samuel and Catharine (Van Cleve) Thompson, who traveled westward with a party by boat from Losantiville, now Cincinnati, in 1796, at which time Mrs. Ensey was but two years of age. The family established their home here upon the western frontier and her father was actively associated with the pioneer development of this part of the state.

Isaac Van Cleve Ensey, son of John and Sarah (Thompson) Ensey, was born in Dayton in 1831 and in early manhood went to Lafayette county, Indiana, where he was residing at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war. Prompted by a spirit of patriotism he offered his aid to the government and was assigned to duty with one of the companies of the Twentieth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for three years. Although he entered the army as a private his valor and meritorious conduct won him the rank of second lieutenant. He had been married in Dayton, Ohio, to Miss Louisa Dorn in 1868. His death occurred July 16, 1885, and he is still survived by his widow.

Dr. Ensey, the only child of this marriage, was reared in Dayton and attended the public schools, while subsequently he pursued the study of medicine under the direction of Dr. William Webster, of this city. At a later date he entered the New York Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital, from which he was graduated on the 7th of April, 1892. In that year he began practice in Cumberland Street Hospital of Brooklyn, New York, where he remained for two years and then returned to Dayton, where he has continued in active practice to the present time. Hospital experience is an excellent training for professional duties, however varied and onerous. Well equipped by his service in Brooklyn, Dr. Ensey took up the work of the profession in his native city and has made substantial advancement since that time, doing excellent work in solving the intricate problems that daily confront the physician. He belongs to the Ohio State Homeopathic Medical Society, the Miami Valley Homeopathic Medical Society and the Dayton Homeopathic Medical Society and at all times, through reading and research, keeps in close touch with the advancement of the profession. In September, 1898, in Dayton was celebrated the marriage of Dr. Ensey and Miss Bertha B. Davis, a daughter of John I. Davis. They had one daughter, Catharine Van Cleve, who was the light and life of the household, but she passed away in the early morning of May 31, 1909, at the age of three years and nine months.

Dr. Ensey is a republican in his political views but without aspiration for political preferment. The only office that he has ever held was in the direct path of his profession, having served as a member of the health board of Dayton for three years, beginning in 1896. He is a member of the Royal Arcanum and medical examiner for the local council. He also belongs to the American Insurance Union and to the Raper Methodist Episcopal church. His salient qualities are such as win for him favorable regard in professional circles and warm friendship in social circles.

EDWARD T. HALL.

Various business interests claim the attention and profit by the energy and keen sagacity of Edward T. Hall, who perhaps is best known, however, in connection with the abstract business. One of Dayton's native sons, he was born November 22, 1863, and his youthful days were here passed, his time largely being given to the acquirement of an education in the parochial schools until he reached the age of fifteen years. Since that time he has been in the business world. He first entered a law office in Dayton, where he remained until 1894, or for a period of fourteen years, keeping books and abstracting titles. His long experience gave him thorough knowledge of the business and in 1894 he gave up his position to join his brother, John J. Hall, in the abstract business. They have since continued in this line and in the fifteen years which have since come and gone have secured a very extensive clientage, the firm sustaining an unassailable reputation for reliability. Mr. Hall is also the treasurer of the Phillips House Company of Dayton, and realizing the opportunities offered in

the growing southwest he directed his energies to Oklahoma and became secretary of the Enid Development Company, which is one of the important features in the upbuilding and substantial improvement of one of the enterprising towns in that newly created state. He is likewise secretary of the Enid City Railway Company and secretary of the Thomas Real Estate Company. Other interests of Dayton, too, have claimed his attention and he is now director of the Dayton Saw Mill & Lumber Company and a director of the Dayton Street Railway Company. Preeminently a man of affairs he has wielded a wide influence in business circles and enjoys the entire confidence and respect of his colleagues and associates.

Mr. Hall's study of political questions has led him to the belief that his views are mostly in harmony with the principles of democracy, yet he is not active as a party worker. He belongs to St. Joseph's Catholic church. His marriage was celebrated September 30, 1890, in this city, when Miss Margaret G. McGrath became his wife. They now have two children, James E. and Edward W. Throughout his entire life Mr. Hall has resided in Dayton and that his record is a creditable one is indicated by the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from boyhood to the present time. He is a man of well balanced mind, even temper and conservative habits, nor is he lacking in that enterprise which leads to great accomplishments.

PHILIPP DEGER.

Prominent among the German-American residents of Mad River township, Montgomery county, Ohio, is Philipp Deger, a well known butcher residing on the Brandt pike about three miles north of the Dayton courthouse. A native of Germany, he was born in Bavaria on the 5th of January, 1860, his parents being Melchior and Margaret (Weis) Deger. The former was also a native of Germany and a man of excellent habits. He was a farmer and large landowner, and his entire life was passed upon the farm where he was born and reared. In his family were four children: William, a resident of Philadelphia; Margaret, deceased; Philipp, of this review; and Godfrey, deceased.

In the common schools of his native country Philipp Deger acquired his early education and in the fatherland became familiar with the butcher's trade. Thinking to find better business opportunities, however, in the new world, he sailed for the United States when about twenty-four years of age and took up his abode in Dayton, Ohio. Here he worked at his trade for some time, but being imbued with the laudable ambition to one day have a business of his own, by dint of hard labor and careful expenditure, he saved sufficient money with which to purchase his present tract of land and establish a butchering enterprise on his own account. The property consists of two acres of land on Brandt pike about three miles north of the Dayton courthouse, where he conducts all of his business. He has been very successful in his chosen line of activity and as the years have passed has extended his trade to gratifying proportions. He now has two stands, one at No. 46 in the Wayne avenue market and the other No. 157 in the

Arcade, and is recognized as one of the prominent representatives of this line of business.

In the year 1883 Mr. Deger was united in marriage in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Miss Johanna Burmeister of that city and unto them were born four children: Joseph, attending the Dayton schools and also assisting his father; William, employed at one of his father's stands in Dayton; Catharine, also employed in Dayton; and Margaret, at home.

Mr. Deger is a member of the Holy Rosary church, the Knights of St. John and also belongs to the Young Butchers' Association, while he likewise holds membership with the Orphans Home Society, associations which indicate somewhat the nature of his interests. Public-spirited in his citizenship, he lends his influence and cooperation to measures which have for their object the growth and upbuilding of the community. Honorable and upright in all of his business dealings, he has won the respect and confidence of his fellowmen. Never has he had occasion to regret his determination to leave his native land and seek his fortune in this newer and more progressive country, where one is unhampered by caste or class and due recognition is accorded honest labor.

ADOLPH NEWSALT.

The life record of Adolph Newsalt is an exemplification of what may be accomplished by a young man of energy and determination who early realizes that there is no royal road to wealth but that success and advancement are the direct outcome of persistent and intelligently directed effort. A native of Prussia, Mr. Newsalt was born December 25, 1853, and was in his ninth year when he accompanied his mother to the United States. They sailed for New York and in the public schools of the eastern metropolis the boy continued his education.

Later they went to La Crosse, Wisconsin, and there Mr. Newsalt made his initial step in the business world and in 1860 by entering upon a four years' apprenticeship to the jeweler's trade, during which time he gained a comprehensive knowledge of the business in all of its different phases. In 1869 he came to Dayton and joined his mother, who had removed to this city four years before. Almost immediately he secured employment in the jewelry establishment of Henry Kline, with whom he continued for a year, after which he went to Springfield, Ohio, and for a little more than a year was employed in the jewelry house of A. Aaron of that city.

Industry and economy brought him a capital which enabled him to engage in business on his own account. The beginning was small for he had been able to save only three hundred dollars, but returning to Dayton he opened a little store on Fifth street and for two years had no assistant. He not only tended to the trade but did all of his own repairing and bookkeeping. Gradually, however, his business increased, forcing him to seek more commodious quarters and competent assistants. Later he removed to a large store that had been erected on Fifth street, occupying this for fifteen years, while later he sought still more commodious quarters at Fourth and Main streets. Today Mr. Newsalt is one of

the foremost representatives of the jewelry trade not only in Dayton but in the state of Ohio and has many patrons throughout the surrounding country and as far west at St. Louis. His store is most attractively equipped and appointed and the stock is tastefully and artistically arranged, so that the establishment presents a splendid appearance. Moreover, Mr. Newsalt is careful in his purchase, selecting the goods of latest style and workmanship, his own appreciation of beauty in gems and in settings enabling him to present to the public goods of rare attraction. He now employs a large force of salesmen and has a most profitable business which has come to him as the logical sequence of his close application, earnest purpose and unfaltering enterprise.

On the 10th of November, 1870, Mr. Newsalt was married in Dayton to Miss Sarah Wise, formerly of Paducah, Kentucky. Their only child, T. A. Newsalt, was educated at Poughkeepsie, New York, and is now his father's associate in business. Meeting Mr. Newsalt, one is immediately impressed by his quietude of deportment, his easy dignity, his frankness and cordiality of address. He is ever ready to meet the obligations of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, right conception of things and a habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities.

GEORGE D. GOHN, M. D.

Dr. George D. Gohn, physician and surgeon of Dayton, was born on a farm in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, August 15, 1872, six months after the death of his father. When he was six years of age the family removed to Buckstown, Somerset county, and from there went to Johnstown, Pennsylvania, where the mother, Mrs. Martha Gohn, died on the 13th of January, 1906. There were six children: Anne E., the wife of Charles A. Cable, of Johnstown; Mary E., a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana; John C., a contractor and builder of Dayton, Ohio; Elmer, a resident of New Castle, Pennsylvania; Charles, of Johnstown; and George D. of this review. On his father's side the Doctor had two uncles who lost their lives while serving in the war, and two of his mother's brothers were severely wounded in the same struggle.

Dr. Gohn spent his youthful days in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, and acquired his early education in the public schools of that city. He was ambitious, however, for continued training in educational lines and afterward entered Otterbein University, where he spent two years. His excellent knowledge constituted a good foundation upon which to rear the superstructure of professional learning and, entering the Baltimore Medical College, he was graduated therefrom in 1897. In that year he established an office in Dayton, Ohio, for general practice and through twelve years has represented the profession here, enjoying the patronage of many of the best families of the city.

Dr. Gohn was also physician to the Montgomery county infirmary in 1901 and 1902 and was physician to the Montgomery county jail in 1908. He is an able follower of the profession, thoroughly conversant with the scientific principles which underline his work and accurately applying his knowledge to the

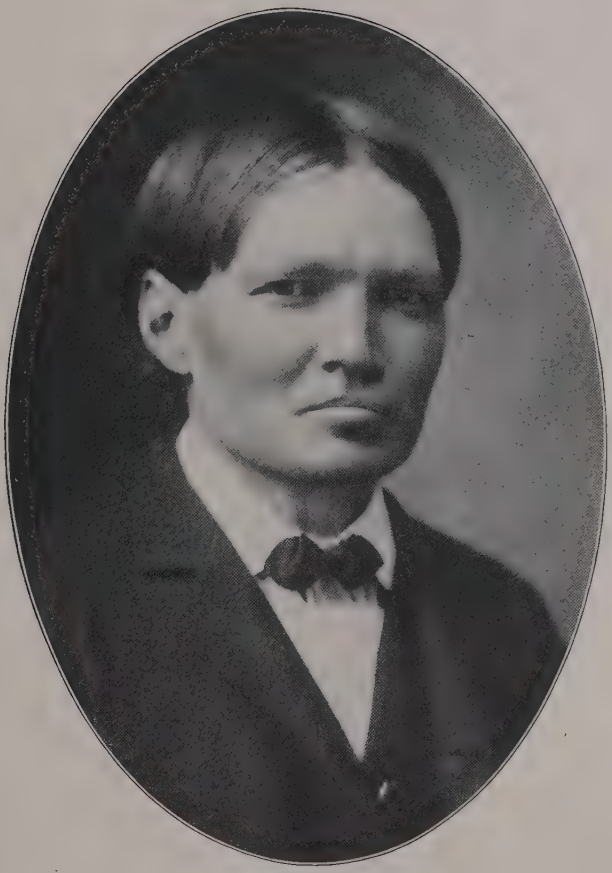
daily needs of his patients. He belongs to the American Medical Association; the Ohio State Medical Association; the Montgomery County Medical Society; the Dayton Academy of Medicine, of which he is vice president; and the Physicians Business League of Montgomery county, of which he is also the second officer. In more strictly social lines Dr. Gohn is connected with the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the Tribe of Ben Hur and the Protected Home Circle. His religious faith is manifest in his membership in the First United Brethren church, and his political views are evidenced in his endorsement of the men and measures of the republican party.

Pleasantly situated in his home life Dr. Gohn was married in Baltimore, Maryland, September 5, 1900, to Miss Lillie J. E. Rice, and they have one son, George Rice Gohn. Mrs. Gohn's father, Rev. Amos H. Rice, was a prominent member of the Pennsylvania conference of the United Brethren church and held various offices therein, filling pulpits in New York, Harrisburg and Baltimore. He was pastor of a church in the last named city for twelve years. He died in Dayton, on the 13th of December, 1904, and his widow now makes her home with Dr. and Mrs. Gohn. Mr. Rice had a brother, Andrew H., who is a prominent manufacturer and merchant of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

HARRY E. KIMMEL.

Harry E. Kimmel, a well known farmer and stock raiser of Miami township, operates his father's farm about one mile south of Alexanderville. He and his brother also own about ninety-one acres of fine farm land in Mad River township, on the Kemp road, which is accounted very valuable. November 17, 1865, was the day upon which Harry E. Kimmel first opened his eyes to greet the day, in Jefferson township, near where the new schoolhouse now stands. His paternal grandfather, Lewis Kimmel, came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was among the first to settle in Montgomery county. The latter wedded Miss Mary Niswonger and their son Joseph Kimmel, the father of Harry E. Kimmel, was born in Jefferson township. He became well known as a farmer, stock raiser and dealer. Some years ago he left the farm, and, removing to the city of Dayton, is now engaged in the stock business at that place. He resides at 925 North Broadway and though well advanced in years is still active in the pursuit of his calling. In the years of his early manhood he married Miss Amanda Kemp, and to them were born two sons, C. L. and Harry E.

The latter received his fundamental education in the public schools of West Carrollton, and his substantial preparation for life on the farm under the guidance of his parents. During his school life he assumed his share of the responsibilities of the home place and took an active interest in the business side of the work. In 1878, when his father commenced dealing in horses, Mr. Kimmel was but a young boy, and so might be said to have grown up with that part of the business. The farming and the stock raising have been conducted together, and when with advancing years the father decided to relinquish part of his cares, the younger man remained on the home farm to manage it and to take charge of



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such horses as might be sent from the city for care. His interests in farming are increased through his participation with his brother C. L. Kimmel, in the conduct of the fine farm in Mad River township.

Though a man who gives his best time and energy to his work, Mr. Kimmel has many interests of a social nature that keep him in full touch with the world of men. He is a member of the Miamisburg lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His allegiance in matters of religion is given to the Methodist Episcopal church of West Carrollton, in the work of which he takes an active interest. A man of ability and capable of any amount of hard work, Mr. Kimmel has advanced steadily in the calling to which he chose to devote himself. His efforts have been generously recompensed in the past and the outlook for the future appears bright.

WEBSTER S. SMITH, M. D.

With full appreciation of the duties and responsibilities that devolve upon him in his official connection Dr. Webster S. Smith is giving to the public excellent service in his professional capacity and the substantial qualities of his manhood are winning for him the high regard as well of those whom he meets socially. He was born in Dayton, in 1856, a son of Isaac M. and Phoebe (Wellbaum) Smith. His grandfather was Richard Smith and his great-grandfather in the maternal line was Charles Wellbaum, who was one of the hired Hessian troops sent to this country to aid the English at the time of the Revolutionary war. His sympathies were aroused on behalf of the colonies, however, and he deserted the English ranks and is supposed to have done all in his power to aid in establishing American independence.

Isaac M. Smith, the father of Dr. Smith, was born in 1830 and came to Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1854. He was a carpenter by trade and was identified with building operations in this locality until after the inauguration of the Civil war when, constrained by a spirit of patriotism, he responded to the country's call for aid, enlisting as a private in Company G, Sixty-six Illinois Sharp Shooters, with which he served for three years. In the early part of the war he was taken prisoner by the Confederate troops and was held by them for about two months. He married Phoebe Wellbaum, the wedding being celebrated in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1855. Two children were born unto them, the younger being Harry M. Smith, now of New York city. The father died April 25, 1907.

Dr. Smith was reared in Dayton and is indebted to its public-school system for the educational privileges he enjoyed prior to taking up preparation for a professionnal career. In 1877 he entered the Ohio Medical College and was graduated in 1880 on the completion of a three years' course. He then located for practice in Salem, Montgomery county, Ohio, where he remained for two years when he removed to West Milton, Miami county, Ohio, where he continued for thirteen years. During that period his constantly increasing practice was promoting his efficiency as he learned the lessons which one may always gain from experience in any walk in life. In 1895 he sought the broader field of labor offered by the city and came to Dayton, where he has continued in active

practice. His ability is recognized by many patrons and in his daily round of professional duties he has demonstrated his skill in coping with the complex problems which continually confront the physician in his efforts to check the ravages of disease and restore health.

Dr. Smith was married in Dayton in 1881 to Miss Margaret E. Shriver, a daughter of the late Dr. John W. Shriver, and they now have two sons, Howard S. and Charles S. Dr. Smith belongs to the Masonic fraternity, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Sons of Veterans and in his fraternal relations has gained many warm friends. He is also a member of the Methodist Episcopal church and he gives his political allegiance to the republican party. He is known, moreover, as a valued member of several professional organizations. He is now visiting physician to the Miami Valley Hospital and he belongs to the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association and the Montgomery County Medical Society, of which he has served as secretary and censor, while at the present time he is filling the position of president. He enjoys the warm regard of his brethren of the medical fraternity by reason of the fact that he holds to a high standard in practice and closely conforms to professional ethics.

DAVID W. KLEPINGER.

David W. Klepinger, one of the farmers near Dayton, is well known through his activity in local affairs. His farm embraces thirty acres of excellent land about five miles north of this city, on the Covington pike. It is a well cultivated tract, in this giving evidence of the character of the man who owns it. The subject of the sketch was born January 2, 1859, on the old Miller farm on Wolf creek, the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) Klepinger, of whom mention is made in the sketch of Alfred Klepinger in another part of this volume. At home on the farm and in the schools of the county David Klepinger received his preparation for life, for work at home and at school were not dissociated, but went side by side, each supplementing and enhancing the value of the other. In comparatively recent years he sold about sixty acres of the old estate, including the homestead, and but a short distance from it built his present house, a fine modern building of eleven rooms fully equipped with all the conveniences provided for the householder today.

In 1882 Mr. Klepinger was married to Miss Laura Wampler, a daughter of Jesse and Susan (Peterbaugh) Wampler. One daughter, Gertrude, was born to the union, but did not long survive life's struggle. When he married a second time, Mr. Klepinger chose as his bride Miss Ida Slonaker, a daughter of George and Belle (Myers) Slonaker. The parents came from West Virginia to Ohio and are still living the useful lives of farmers in Miami county, this state.

The people of Harrison township have given more than one indication of their confidence in Mr. Klepinger as a man interested in promoting the welfare of the community. During the past eight years he has served at their behest as a trustee of the township, and at the sitting of the national republican convention

he was the delegate elected by the voters of Harrison township. He has also for years been a factor in advancing the cause of education in this locality, and for seven years has been a member of the school board, of which body he was for four years president. By his life he has given evidence that his adherence to the Christian church is not a matter of form. He takes an efficient interest in both the religious and social work of this body, which in appreciation of his services has elected him deacon and clerk. Mr. Klepinger is a man not slightly to be put aside, one whose views are not to be held in small regard.

GEORGE BANCROFT SMITH.

Commercial and industrial activity are the foundation upon which rests the upbuilding and prosperity of every city. Dayton finds in George Bancroft Smith a prominent and well known representative of its business life, for he is the president of The Kinnard Manufacturing Company, his executive ability and keen discrimination proving vital elements in the successful control of this important enterprise. Mr. Smith was born in Phillipsburg, Montgomery county, Ohio, November 16, 1867, and is a representative of one of the old pioneer families of the state. His father, Lewis R. Smith, was born near Canton, Ohio, October 24, 1827, and served for a time with the Eighteenth United States Regulars and also in a regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry. His military service covered four years during the period of the Civil war and he took part in the hotly contested battles of Shiloh, Stone River, Perryville, Chickamauga and others of almost equal prominence.

Reared at the place of his nativity to the age of twelve years, George Bancroft Smith then accompanied his parents on their removal to Brookville, another town of Montgomery county, where he continued until 1888. In the meantime he had acquired his preliminary education in the public schools and was graduated in 1887 from the Miami Commercial College. On attaining his majority he came to Dayton to secure the broader business opportunities afforded in that city and here entered the Tiger Hat Store as salesman and bookkeeper, remaining in that position for eight months. He next became bookkeeper for The Smith & Vaile Company, continuing with that house for seventeen years through the different changes in partnership, it being now conducted under the name of The Platt Iron Works Company. He gradually rose as his ability was recognized and as his powers in this specific line increased they brought Mr. Smith to the position of assistant secretary and treasurer, but at length he resigned to accept the position of confidential secretary to Eugene J. Barney, in which capacity he still continues. Since that time, however, he has extended his labors into other fields and in April, 1896, was made secretary and treasurer of The Craig-Reynolds Foundry Company in which Mr. Barney is largely interested. In January, 1907, he was elected a director of The Kinnard Manufacturing Company and in January, 1908, was chosen its secretary. On the death of the president, W. M. Kinnard, in February, 1908, Mr. Smith was placed in temporary charge and in May of the same year was chosen president and

general manager. He is thus in a position of executive control and his understanding of the business in its various phases well enables him to carefully manage its interests.

Mr. Smith is equally active and influential along lines of moral development and progress, and in these connections occupies various official positions, being at the present time a trustee of the Young Men's Christian Association; secretary of the Door of Hope Association; secretary of the First Reformed church and superintendent of its Sunday school. He was at one time a member of the board of education and is a member of the executive committee of the Dayton branch of the University Extension. He is the first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and is an interested cooperant in all of the movements which the organization puts forth for municipal progress. He is a member of the Montgomery County Horticultural Society, belongs to the Sons of Veterans and in all of these different relations labors for advancement where progress is proving a factor in the world's work. His political allegiance is given to the republican party where state and national questions are involved but at local elections he votes independently.

In 1900 Mr. Smith was married in West Alexandria to Miss Holly Denny and they have one daughter, Martha Catharine Smith. The life history of our subject is another illustration of the fact that ability and worth will come to the front and that intelligently directed effort and fidelity will eventually win its merited reward. He possesses many substantial qualities, is respected wherever known and most honored by his immediate associates who have best opportunity to judge of his worth.

HOLLIS A. WILBUR.

There is perhaps no single agency to which in later years is more directly attributable substantial moral advancement than the Young Men's Christian Association. Broad in its scope and wide in its influence, it has wrought for the higher physical, intellectual and moral development among the young, receiving the endorsement of all who desire progress and improvement. It is to such a work that Hollis A. Wilbur is giving his time and energies as general secretary of the local organization of the Young Men's Christian Association in Dayton.

He was born at Honeoye, New York, April 19, 1873, and there spent his youthful days, entering the public schools at the usual age and mastering the branches in successive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1891. He afterward took up the profession of teaching in Egypt, a little school district in Ontario county, and subsequently came to Ohio, continuing his own education as a pupil of the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware. There he was graduated with the class of 1896, and, making deliberate choice between the influences which are malevolent and the influences which are helpful and uplifting, he entered upon the work of the Young Men's Christian Association as traveling secretary, filling the position for four years. He was afterward occupied in a different capacity for three years as a general supervisor and in

1903 came to his present position in Dayton as general secretary. Here he is working along the most progressive lines, seeking to bring into the lives of the young those helpful, healthful and beneficial influences which work for man's best development in the wise use of one's physical, mental and moral forces.

In 1901 in Seville, Ohio, Mr. Wilbur was married to Miss Mary I. Matteson and they have two children, Elizabeth Grimball and Clarence Martin. Mr. Wilbur belongs to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, a college fraternity. His church relations are with the Baptist denomination and he is now serving as deacon in the church in Dayton in which he has his membership.

REV. W. A. HALE, D. D.

For almost a third of a century the labors of Dr. W. A. Hale have been a most potent element in the religious work and moral progress of Dayton, for throughout this period he has been pastor of the First Reformed church—loved by the people of his own denomination and honored and respected throughout the city. He was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, June 29, 1847, and completed his education in Harlem Springs College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1868. Immediately thereafter he entered the ministry and has devoted his entire life to this holy calling, his consecrated zeal and unfaltering interest in all the branches of church work constituting a constantly expanding power for good in the localities where he has labored. For three years he was pastor of a church in Tuscarawas and had charge of four different congregations in Stark county, Ohio. He was pastor of Grace Reformed church at Lancaster, Ohio, for five years and from there came to Dayton.

It was on the 1st of October, 1876 that Rev. Hale was called to Dayton as the pastor of the First Reformed church and here for almost a third of a century his sermons have been a theme of wide comment and commendation. As an able and learned minister he has presented the purposes and principles of the Christian religion in a way that has called forth wide attention, while in his pastoral labors and daily ministries, as Browning expresses it, he "awakens the little seeds of good asleep throughout the world." Indeed his influence has been of no restricted order and he has not been denied the full harvest and the aftermath.

The history of the First Reformed church is in reality the history of the Reformed denomination in Dayton and the history of that church is practically the history of the life work of Dr. Hale. It was in 1833 that the church was organized by the Rev. Daniel Winters, D. D., and the work of the parish grew and strengthened as the years passed until when Dr. Hale came to Dayton as the tenth pastor of the First Reformed church its membership numbered one hundred and eighty-four. He came here to take charge in the full vigor of manhood, determined to make his presence felt and fired with the determination to succeed in his great task that the cause of Christianity might be advanced in this community. He had been in Dayton but a brief time when the church edifice became so crowded at the services which he held that it was necessary for

him to form other congregations, the result being that four additional Reformed churches are now instruments for good in the life of the city, the Second, the Trinity, the Fourth and the Memorial all being outshoots of the First Reformed. Notwithstanding that all of these branches have been set off from the parent church, its membership is many times what it was when he took charge and its influence is constantly expanding as his parishioners carry away with them the words of wisdom and encouragement which he utters and which in time bear fruit in their lives. While his pastoral work takes up the greater part of his time he has gained, during his residence in Dayton, the reputation of being not only one of the most popular and thoroughly advised ministers of his own denomination but also in the entire city. He has probably officiated at more funeral services and marriages than any other minister in Dayton, being called upon so often because of his large personal acquaintance and his constantly growing popularity. For six years he served on the Ohio state board of charities under Governors Bushnell and Nash.

While it would be tautological in this connection to enter into any series of statements as showing Dr. Hale to be a man of superior attainments and broad general information, for these have been shadowed forth between the lines of this review, it is but justice to add that he is, moreover, a man of deep and abiding sympathy and charity, whose words are rather those of encouragement than of criticism, of inspiration rather than of reproof. The young and old, rich and poor of his congregation recognize him not only as pastor but as friend.

On the 22d of July, 1868, in Harrison county, Ohio, Dr. Hale was married to Miss Anna C. Duffield, a daughter of Dr. George W. Duffield, of that county, and to them were born two children: Mrs. Grace W. Charch, living in Dayton, who has two children, William Hale Charch, aged eleven years, and Anna Elizabeth Charch, eight years old; and George Finley Hale, who married Miss May Morey, daughter of Dr. C. W. Morey, of Port Huron, Michigan.

CHARLES JOSEPH HOCHWALT.

Charles Joseph Hochwalt, a truck gardener of Dayton, owns fifteen acres of fine land on College street just at the edge of town. He was born November 4, 1862, where the St. Elizabeth Hospital now stands and is the son of Fred and Catherine (Schmidt) Hochwalt, both of whom are living in Dayton. The paternal grandfather, Henry Hochwalt, with his wife Eva, was the first of this large family to settle in this country. He was a comparatively young man when he left Germany, his native land, where he had received his education and training for life. On coming to America he settled first in Baltimore, Maryland, later coming to Montgomery county, Ohio. He was very well known in German circles in this part of the country, for he took an active part in all that concerned his fellow countrymen. His son, Fred Hochwalt, was born on the Atlantic ocean when his parents were on their way to their new home. He obtained all his schooling in this land and is a thorough American in his ideas and sympathies. His youth was passed in Baltimore, but he was still young when he came to Mont-

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gomery county, settling in that section of Dayton which is now known as Edgemont. For a few years of his life he worked at the shoemaker's trade, but he gave this up to engage in truck gardening, to which he devoted all his time and attention with good results, for he was one of the largest gardeners in his section of the county and was accounted a man of means. About four years ago he retired from active participation in the work of the farm and is now enjoying a life of comfort in Dayton.

Charles Joseph Hochwalt received all his education in the schools of Dayton. In fact Harrison township has always been his home and the scene of his labors. During his school life he worked for his father on the farm, but though he was thus ready early to assume the charge of a piece of land for himself circumstances did not so shape themselves to this end until he was about thirty years of age. Then he was able to purchase land and has since made a success of the work which he chose as a vocation. His long period of preparation stood him in good stead, and he has made the best use of his opportunities, so that it is but a matter of course that success has attended his efforts.

On the 9th of November, 1886, Mr. Hochwalt was united in marriage to Miss Maggie Kuntz, a daughter of Joseph and Magdalena (Wolfe) Kuntz, of North Dayton. Of this union there have been born eight children. Harry F., the eldest, assists the father on the farm. He completed the course of study prescribed by the local schools but is continuing his education by means of some correspondence courses. Stella is also at home, as are the remaining children, Lorette, Victor, Irene, Marcella and Helen. Walter, the fourth child, has passed away.

Mr. Hochwalt takes an active interest in all public affairs, though he has not aspired to any office within the gift of the people. He always throws his influence on the side of good government and progressive citizenship. Of St. John's Catholic church, which the family attend, he is one of the guiding members, being upon the official board. He is also one of the directors of the cemetery. But it is as a gardener that he is best known, and to the people of the city of Dayton, for he has a stand at No. 45 Central Market, and also one on Wayne street, where he offers to discriminating buyers the results of his diligent culture of his garden tract. Here in his business dealings he exhibits those qualities that make possible his rise in his work and he holds the good will of those who know him.

J. SPRIGG McMAHON.

J. Sprigg McMahon, practicing law at the Dayton bar, has in his native city won a creditable position as a representative of the legal fraternity. He was born in February, 1868, and at the usual age entered the public schools, also receiving instruction in private schools ere his matriculation in Yale University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1889. Well qualified by collegiate training for the responsible duties of life, he returned to Dayton and entered the law office of his father, the Hon. John A. McMahon, continuing his legal studies and assisting in the work of the office until December, 1891, when he was admitted to the bar. In January, 1892, he formed a partnership with his father and has since

been engaged in practice in this city, devoting his attention to a profession in which parental influence or standing availeth little or naught. In no profession does advancement depend more entirely upon individual merit and, recognizing this fact, J. Sprigg McMahon has by discriminating study, careful analysis and thorough preparation of cases won notable successes at the bar that numbers many prominent representatives.

In 1894 occurred the marriage of Mr. McMahon and Miss Mary D. Schenck, a daughter of the late Robert C. Schenck. They have two children: Julia D., and Mary S. His political views are that of the democratic party and he has served for one term on the library board but prefers to give his undivided attention to his professional duties, which are constantly increasing in volume and importance.

HOWARD H. HERMAN, M. D.

Dr. Howard H. Herman, who throughout his entire life has manifested a habitual regard for what is best in the exercise of human activities, while in his professional career he has held to high standards, was born in West Alexandria, Preble county, Ohio, May 1, 1872. His father, H. M. Herman, D. D., has been a minister of the Reformed church in Ohio for forty-nine years, and now at the age of seventy-five is still actively engaged in ministerial work at Miamisburg.

Dr. Herman was a lad of nine years when his parents removed from the place of his nativity to Miamisburg, where he was reared and obtained his early education. He attended Heidelberg University in 1890-91, and in 1894 he was graduated from Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, having there completed the classical course. Desiring to enter professional circles, his mental review of the situation led him to the conclusion that he would find the practice of medicine most congenial, to which end he entered the Cleveland University of Medicine & Surgery, completing the full course. Following his graduation in 1897, he came to Dayton as house physician of the Miami Valley Hospital, thus serving for a year. His broad experience in this connection well qualified him for the duties of general practice. Since 1898 he has thus engaged in Dayton and has been accorded a very liberal patronage, his office and residence being at 111 North Jefferson street. His reading is comprehensive, his study thorough and his ready adaptability enables him to soon make his own that with which he becomes conversant through his investigations. He follows the most advanced ideas of practice and yet is not quick to discard the old and time-tried methods, the value of which has long been proven. He belongs to the State Homeopathic Medical Association, the Miami Medical Society and the Dayton Medical Society. He has been a member of the medical staff of Miami Valley Hospital since 1900 and is also a member of its board of trustees.

On the 30th of April, 1902, Dr. Herman was married in Dayton to Miss Daisy Alice Johnson, a daughter of the late William Johnson, and they have two children, Ruth Howard and Susanne Marian. The parents hold membership in the Memorial Presbyterian church and Dr. Herman belongs also to the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias lodge and to the Dayton Country Club

—associations which indicate much of the nature of his interests. His political views endorse the principles of the republican party and his influence is always on the side of practical reform and substantial progress. His professional worth is manifest in the large practice accorded him and in the high regard entertained for him by his professional brethren.

PERLE L. SAGEBIEL.

Perle L. Sagebiel, an optometrist of Dayton, whose qualifications well entitle him to the success which he is now enjoying, was born in Kenton, Ohio, in 1873. His youthful days were there passed and he attained his education as a public-school student, continuing his studies to the age of seventeen. With life and its responsibilities yet before him, he went to Wheeling, West Virginia, where he learned the optical business, feeling that in that pursuit he would find a congenial as well as a profitable field. He continued in Wheeling for two years and in 1893 came to Dayton. A year later he began business on his own account as an optician and has since continued in this line. His thoroughness in his work, his knowledge of the scientific as well as the practical side of his business and the conscientious obligation with which he discharges his professional duties have been the salient features in his growing success. He now occupies an enviable position among Dayton's optometrists with a volume of business that gives to him a substantial annual income. He is also a director in the Union Building & Loan Association, and secretary of the Dayton Astronomical Society, of which he is one of the founders.

Mr. Sagebiel was married in Dayton in 1898 to Miss Frances Houck, a daughter of Martin S. Houck of this city, and they have four children, Frederick Houck, James Lambert, Robert Martin and Elinor Ruth. The parents hold membership in the First English Lutheran church and Mr. Sagebiel belongs also to the Young Men's Christian Association. He is interested in all that pertains to the moral development of the community and to the uplifting of his fellowmen, realizing the importance of well formulated principles and habits as a basis of all that is valuable and permanent in life. His personal characteristics have won him kindly regard and unqualified respect and he is justly accounted one of the representative residents of his adopted city.

ANTON MADLINGER.

Anton Madlinger, successfully engaged in truck farming in Mad River township, has stand No. 50 in Central Market. His birth occurred on his father's farm on the Troy pike, January 6, 1855, his parents being Anton and Victoria (Striebel) Madlinger. The paternal grandfather spent his entire life in Germany. Subsequent to the demise of her husband, the grandmother crossed the Atlantic to the United States and spent her remaining days with her children, liv-

ing with her son Anton during the greater part of the time. Anton Madlinger, the father of our subject, obtained his education in Germany and in early manhood emigrated to America, establishing his home in Montgomery county, Ohio. He was a shoemaker by trade, following that pursuit to some extent in the winter seasons, and also carried on agricultural interests on his valuable farm of ten acres in the vicinity of Dayton. His family numbered seven children, namely: Mrs. Lena Ward; Mrs. Sophia Hambert; Mrs. Mary Walt; Mrs. Catharine Kohler; Anton, of this review; Mrs. Josephine Knox; and Mrs. Pauline Glaser.

Anton Madlinger received his education in the schools of this county and when not busy with his text-books assisted in the work of the home farm. On starting out in business life for himself he took up truck farming on a small scale but as time passed and his financial resources increased he added to his holdings until he is now the owner of thirteen acres of fine truck land situated on the Valley pike, about three miles east of the courthouse, on the south side of the road. The success which has attended his efforts and which entitles him to recognition among the leading gardeners of his native county, is entirely the result of his own well directed labors and unremitting energy. His home is an attractive and commodious brick residence and in his gardening interests he is ably assisted by the other members of the family.

On the 30th of May, 1881, Mr. Madlinger was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Nock, a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Brett) Nock. The father, who was an agriculturist of Montgomery county, is now deceased but the mother still survives and yet makes her home in this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Madlinger have been born eight children, as follows: Anton, Jr., who assists his father in the work of the home farm; Charles, who has completed his education and is at home; Clara, Ida and Clarence, all of whom are still under the parental roof; Edward and Ollie, who are attending school; and William, who is deceased.

Politically Mr. Madlinger is a democrat and has capably served his fellow townsmen in the position of township trustee. He is a valued member of the Holy Rosary church, of which he has acted as trustee. Well known in the county where he has resided throughout his entire life, he has a wide acquaintance here and has won uniform trust and good will by reason of a career which in all of its phases has been straightforward and honorable.

J. T. BARLOW.

J. T. Barlow, who since the Civil war has been connected with commercial interests in Dayton, and is now at the head of the wholesale dry-goods house of the J. T. Barlow Company, has a business record of which any man might well be proud, for his success is the direct result of his well directed labors and throughout his entire career he has never made engagements that he has not filled nor incurred obligations that he has not met. He therefore enjoys the unqualified regard of his business associates and contemporaries.

A native of Dayton, Mr. Barlow was reared and educated in this city and was a young man of about twenty-one years when in response to the country's

call for aid he enlisted as a private of Company I, Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, serving until May, 1865. He was frequently under fire in hotly contested engagements, first doing duty in West Virginia under General Crook, while later he was with the Fourteenth Army Corps in the Army of the Cumberland under General "Pap" Thomas—the familiar address being indicative of the love which his soldiers bore for him. Mr. Barlow participated in the engagements at Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Lookout Mountain, Mission Ridge, the Atlantic campaign to Jonesboro and afterward returned to Chattanooga, there remaining until mustered out at the close of the war. He sustained a flesh wound at Mission Ridge and went through all of the hardships which constitute military experience.

When the war was over Mr. Barlow returned to Dayton and here engaged in the clothing business with T. A. Legler. Subsequently he became connected with the dry goods trade as a member of the firm of Legler, Barlow & Company, which relation was continued until 1904, when the J. T. Barlow Company was organized with the subject of this review as the president. In this position he displayed marked executive ability and capable management and is constantly alert, watching for opportunities for expanding his business in accordance with the progressive ideas of modern business life. The house now enjoys an extensive patronage and is recognized as one of the important commercial concerns of the city.

Mr. Barlow's political endorsement is given to the republican party and he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. He prefers to give his undivided attention to commercial interests and in that line has met with signal success.

W. L. ADAMSON.

It is a well known fact that industry constitutes the key that unlocks the portals of success and, realizing this fact early in life, W. L. Adamson has put forth persistent and well directed effort throughout his business career, wherein steady advancement has brought him to his present enviable position as president of the wholesale grocery house conducted under the name of the W. L. Adamson Company.

He was born in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1848 and his youthful days were there passed, while the public schools of the town afforded him his educational privileges. He was a youth of seventeen when in 1865 he entered business life as a bookkeeper in a wholesale grocery house in Zanesville, there remaining for ten years, during which time he became somewhat familiar with the trade. On the expiration of that period he felt that his experience and earnings justified his embarkation in business on his own account and he became a partner in a wholesale dry goods enterprise in Zanesville, the firm being known as Black & Company.

A year later, however, Mr. Adamson sold out and sought the broader field offered in the larger city of Dayton, removing hither in 1881. Here he entered

into partnership with the late George W. Kneisley, under the firm style of G W. Kneisley & Company, in the conduct of a wholesale grocery house. This partnership was maintained for four years, at the end of which time Mr. Adamson disposed of his interest and succeeded John Bright in the firm of Bright & Crosley, the name being then changed to Crosley & Adamson. When Mr. Crosley died in 1896 the business was incorporated under the name of the W. L. Adamson Company and has so continued to the present time. The volume of trade has constantly increased and the house enjoys an excellent reputation for dependable methods, for promptness in delivery and also for the excellent line of goods carried. The resourceful business ability of Mr. Adamson has led him into other commercial and industrial connections and he is now a director of the Western Ohio Creamery Company of Greenville, Ohio, a director in the Green & Green Company, cracker manufacturers of Dayton, and a stockholder in the Fourth National Bank.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Adamson was married in 1871, in Zanesville, Ohio, to Miss Catharine E. Manley and they now have four daughters and two sons, the family occupying a prominent position in the social circles of the city. In politics Mr. Adamson is an independent republican, voting at national elections for the candidates of the party but never considering himself bound by party ties at local elections. He belongs to the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, is a director of the Young Men's Christian Association and is interested in all those lines of activity which tend to promote material, intellectual, social and moral progress in his adopted city. His life has at all times been actuated by high and honorable principles and his sterling traits of character are the foundation upon which he has builded his success, his record being at all times such as will bear close investigation and scrutiny.

F. P. BROWN.

The growth and prosperity of a city does not depend upon a single enterprise but upon the aggregate effort of various business concerns capably managed and well directed. At the head of such a business is F. P. Brown of the firm of Brown Brothers Parcel Delivery. His labors are in accord with modern business ideas and what he has accomplished represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents. He was born at Sugar Grove, Ohio, December 5, 1861, a son of Peter Brown, who died in Dayton in 1894 at the advanced age of seventy-eight years. He was a valiant soldier of the Mexican war and when the country again became involved in warfare he joined an Ohio regiment of infantry, serving with the rank of captain. In days of peace he devoted his attention to farming and milling and was an industrious, energetic business man. His family numbered four sons and two daughters, who yet survive.

F. P. Brown was only about two years old when his parents removed to Canal Winchester, Ohio, where he remained for twenty-seven years, when he came to Dayton. At the usual age he had entered the public schools and had pursued his studies through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high

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school of Canal Winchester. Coming to Dayton in 1889, at the age of twenty-nine years, he secured a position as shipping clerk for the Farmer's Friend Manufacturing Company, remaining in active connection with that house for five years. He then entered his present business and in fact had established it a short time previous to giving up his place as shipping clerk. Associated with F. P. Brown was his brother S. A. Brown who however withdrew two years later leaving F. P. Brown as sole proprietor although the old firm style has been retained. He is doing an extensive business in parcel delivery a constantly increasing patronage bringing to him a substantial financial return.

On the 29th of October 1885 Mr. Brown was married in Canal Winchester to Miss Mary Schrock and unto them have been born six children: Stanley W., Grace M., Hilda, Birch L., Frank E. and Carl H. The family are well known in Dayton, where they have many friends. Mr. Brown is a member of the Reformed church and gives his political support to the republican party, keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day and manifesting at all times a public-spirited citizenship.

CHRISTIAN F. ROHRER.

Christian F. Rohrer, a retired agriculturist of Mad River township, owns a farm of one hundred and twelve acres on the Valley pike, about four miles from the courthouse. He was born on the old Rohrer homestead, about one-half mile north of his present home, on the 18th of October, 1840, his parents being Samuel and Rebecca (Wise) Rohrer. At an early day the father drove across the mountains from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to Montgomery county, this state, taking up his abode on a tract of about two hundred and fifty acres, which he at once began to clear and improve. He became a substantial and respected citizen of the community and here reared his family of nine children, the record of whom is as follows: John and George, both of whom are deceased; Mary; Susan; Christian F., of this review; Samuel H., who has also passed away; Adaline; Caroline; and Martin, who is deceased.

Christian F. Rohrer acquired his education in the district schools and when not busy with his text-books he assisted in the work of the home farm. In early manhood he studied veterinary surgery under the direction of his father, who was very proficient along that line. On the 5th of August, 1862, in Dayton, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of the Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Burch. He did duty with the Army of the Cumberland and for three years loyally fought for the preservation of the Union, participating in a number of hotly contested engagements, including Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Orchard Knob and Kenesaw Mountain. When the country no longer needed his aid he returned home to once more become identified with farming pursuits and as the years went by won the competence that now enables him to live retired without further recourse to labor. As stated above, he resides on his valuable and well improved farm of one hundred and

twelve acres in Mad River township and is widely recognized as a substantial, progressive and representative citizen of his native county.

As a companion and helpmate on life's journey Mr. Rohrer chose Miss Irene D. Newcome, a daughter of Edward and Cynthia (Urbin) Newcome, and they were married in May, 1866. Unto them have been born eight children, namely: Webb E., who is married and has one child; Ella, the wife of Sanford Bradford, by whom she has one son, Warren; Adaline; Caroline, who is the wife of John Bayless and has a son, Robert; Frank; Bessie; Vernell; and Edward, who is deceased.

In his political views Mr. Rohrer is a stanch republican and has served as township trustee for a number of years, while for twenty years he has been a member of the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. He and his family are valued members of the United Brethren church in Mad River township, which he was instrumental in erecting. His entire life has been passed in Montgomery county, where he has now lived for almost sixty-nine years. He has therefore witnessed many of the changes which have occurred and the advancement which has been wrought, bringing it to its present condition of growth and prosperity. At all times his life has been active, useful and honorable and it is his genuine personal worth that has gained for him the favorable position which he occupies in the regard of those who know him.

JOHN JACOB FROMM.

John Jacob Fromm, a fruit grower and gardener of Harrison township and the owner of eleven acres of land on the Covington pike just at the edge of Dayton, was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, September 28, 1851, the son of Michael and Frederica (Muller) Fromm. Michael Fromm came to this county when fifty-six years of age and was well known in Dayton as a stone mason. He was a hard-working man and at the time of his death was worth considerable money. Our subject and two sisters, Mary and Katie, are the only surviving children of a family of seven, the eldest son David, Katie, Lewis and an infant having died.

John Jacob Fromm, after the education received in the schools of Dayton, wandered somewhat until he reached man's estate and came to Dayton to remain permanently. He went first to Preble county, Ohio, where he lived two years, leaving there to go to Indiana, but after two years he returned to Preble county, where he remained until he removed to Dayton. In 1874 he started in the nursery business in this city and shortly after purchased the piece of land on which he now lives. Upon his place he has all kinds of fruit and shade trees, ornamental shrubs, currants and grapes. At first he put up a little two story house, but this he has replaced with one thoroughly modern, it being one of the most attractive in this part of the county.

Mr. Fromm is devoted to his garden and fruit farm, perhaps inheriting his love of the outdoors and growing things from his paternal grandfather, Peter Fromm, who was a gardener in Germany and could never be induced to leave his home to come to this country, where his son had located. But whether his at-

tachment is inherited or not, Mr. Fromm was glad to return to his farm after his one important absence, when he considered going into the hotel business in Hamilton, Ohio. He had made all his arrangements and had even engaged the man to assist him in running the hotel, but the call of the country was too great and he returned to his old home and his friends. For his long residence in this county has gained for him a host of friends, and his membership in the Lutheran church, of Dayton, and in the Iola lodge, of the Knights of Pythias, No. 83, of Dayton, and the Montgomery County Horticultural Society has surrounded him with associates he would be reluctant to leave. Of the Horticultural Society Mr. Fromm is president, and but few meetings have been called to order without his presence.

On the 22d of December, 1874, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Fromm and Miss Catharine Uhrig, daughter of Peter and Margaret (Marquardt) Uhrig. Peter Uhrig was of German birth and a farmer prominent in this county. Eight children were born to him: Philip, Leonard, John, Peter, Jr., Catharine, Mary and two who died in infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Fromm have also been blessed with a large family: John P., deceased; Edith, wife of David Davis, and the mother of three children—Harold, Alice and Robert; John P., who married Miss Minnie Hawk and is the father of one child, Catharine; Jennie, Harry and Nettie, who live at home; and Marie, deceased.

WILLIAM R. CRAVEN.

The progressive steps in the business career of William R. Craven are easily discernable and have brought him to his present position of responsibility as secretary of the Dayton Savings Bank & Trust Company. He thus figures prominently in the financial circles of the city and few, if any, are more thoroughly informed concerning important questions of finance.

A native of Butler county, Ohio, Mr. Craven was born in the town of Monroe in 1862 and the following year his parents removed to Middletown, Ohio, coming thence to Dayton in 1869. He was thus largely reared in this city and its public-school system afforded him his educational privileges. He made good use of his opportunities in that direction until he reached the age of eighteen years, when in 1880 he entered business life, securing a clerkship in the office of the American Express Company. There his close application, industry and reliability won him promotion from time to time until he became cashier and in 1891 he was appointed agent in Dayton for the Adams Express Company, in which connection he controlled an extensive business for the corporation. For three years he thus served and in 1894 entered into active relations with the financial interests of the city as teller in the Third National Bank. Nine years were devoted to that work and in 1903 he accepted his present position as secretary of the Dayton Savings Bank & Trust Company, for which his previous experience well qualified him. As the years have gone by his activities have reached out into other fields and have brought him substantial results. He is now the vice president of the

Enterprise Building & Loan Assoiciation and is one of the directors of the Home Telephone Company.

In 1892, in Union City, Indiana, Mr. Craven was married to Miss Mary Pierce and they have one daughter, Dorothy. Mr. Craven has become prominent in Masonry as he has advanced through the different degrees and is now a representative of the Commandery, the Consistory and the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Royal Arcanum, while religiously he is connected with the Grace Methodist Episcopal church. He votes with the republican party but otherwise is not active in politics.

As a financier Mr. Craven ranks among the ablest and in business affairs is prompt, energetic and notably reliable. He is watchful of all details and of all indications pointing to success and the prosperity that has crowned his efforts is the merited reward of a life of industry. He started out when a young man of eighteen years without capital or influential friends to aid him, but, brooking no obstacles that could be overcome by honest effort, he has worked his way steadily upward until he has left the ranks of the many and stands among the successful few—a man honored and esteemed wherever known and most of all where he is best known.

JACOB F. SEYBOLD.

Jacob F. Seybold is actively engaged in farming and stock-raising on his farm of eighty acres in Madison township, situated on the Shiloh Springs road, about two and a-half miles north of Trotwood. His birth occurred in Madison township, this county, on the 20th of May, 1867, his parents being David and Rebecca (Wolf) Seybold. The paternal grandfather, who came to this country from Germany, took up his abode on what is now the old homestead farm of the family, cleared the land and developed and improved the property until it became one of the finest farms in this part of the state. David Seybold, the father of our subject, always resided on this place, which is located on the Salem pike, and became widely recognized as a most prominent and successful agriculturist. He and his wife reared a family of nine children and his demise occurred when our subject was still quite young. The names of the children are as follows: Martha, Ella, Sarah, Mary, Amanda, Jacob F., Thomas, John and Isidor. Ella, who married a Mr. Crow, makes her home in Canada but nearly all of the remaining members of the family reside in this county.

In the acquirement of an education Jacob F. Seybold attended the schools of his native township and when not busy with the mastery of the lessons assigned him, he aided in the work of the home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the occupation which has claimed his time and energies throughout his active business career. In addition to general farming he is also engaged in stock-raising and, owing to his well directed and untiring labor as well as capable business management, has met with a merited and gratifying measure of prosperity in his undertakings. He built a commodious and modern residence and large barns and in fact his place is lacking in none of the equipments and accessories

of a model farming property of the twentieth century. He is a lover of fast horses and keeps a few for his own use. For the past four years he has been a member of the Montgomery county fair board and is also one of the directors of the Trotwood Bank, being well known and widely recognized as a most substantial and public-spirited citizen of his native county.

On the 29th of September, 1894, Mr. Seybold was united in marriage to Miss Anna Etherington, a daughter of Lewis and Rebecca (Bryan) Etherington, the latter being a relative of the famous Nebraska statesman. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Seybold have been born two children, namely: Amy Irene, who is in her thirteenth year and is a high school student; and Susan Almedia, attending the district school. Mr. Seybold is a prominent member of the Christian church and is an honored representative of one of the old pioneer families of the county, the name of Seybold having long figured creditably in connection with the agricultural development of this section of the state.

ADAM BALLMANN.

Adam Ballmann is a man of considerable prominence in Mad River township, Montgomery county, Ohio. As a means of livelihood he follows gardening on a farm on the north side of the Valley pike, about three miles from the courthouse in an easterly direction from Dayton. He was the only son of Gabriel and Sophia (Ruhsam) Ballmann. The grandfather, Andrew Ballmann, was a butcher by trade and a man of not a little influence in the German town which was his home, for he was accounted a good workman and a person of sterling qualities of character. He could never be persuaded, however, to leave the land of his birth, preferring to die and be buried where he had passed the greater part of his life. Following in his father's footsteps, Gabriel Ballmann learned the butcher's trade, but after attaining some proficiency in the work he came to America, Dayton becoming his first home. Here he followed his trade intermittently along with various other pursuits for a few years, and then when an opportunity offered went into the butcher business for himself. In this he was very successful until he forsook it to go into the truck gardening business. He purchased his farm of thirty acres, and since that time he has devoted all his time and energy to raising a fine quality of vegetables.

Adam Ballmann was born in Dayton, December 19, 1864, and has spent all his years in this county. At the Trinty school in the city he received his first formal training for life, working at home with his father while he prosecuted his lessons. The years of his early life did not differ greatly from those of the average young man who accepts as they come the days and the tasks they bring, and gleans from them the kernels of experience that make for the soundness of a man's character.

On the 15th of January, 1889, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Ballmann to the woman of his choice, Miss Lena Kuntz, the daughter of Joseph and Lena (Wolfe) Kuntz. The Kuntz family were among the oldest settlers in Dayton and its vicinity, having located in this part of the county at a time when it was neces-

sary for the pioneers to clear their own ground before they could plant their crops. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Ballmann: Gabriel S., Adam, Jr., and John, who have finished their school course; George, Joe A., Laurence and Clara who are still attending school; Charles, deceased; and Viola, Philip, and Emma.

Mr. Ballmann belongs to the church of the Holy Rosary and is one of its trustees. Two fraternal organizations connected with the church claim him as a member—the Knights of St. John, No. 104, and St. Michael's Society of the Holy Rosary church. With both of these Mr. Ballmann is intimately identified and is active and untiring in whatever work in connection with them that falls to his share. For a time he has served as pike commissioner in his township, fulfilling the duties of his office with honor and to the satisfaction of his constituents. Mr. Ballmann is well known in Dayton, especially by those who frequent Central Market, for he always maintained a stand there at Nos. 21 and 23. There he sells the products which his toil has won from the land, and demonstrates repeatedly that those who give him their custom and rely upon his judgment will not be ill satisfied.

ISAAC LENTZ.

Isaac Lentz enjoys the reputation of being the leading dairyman of Montgomery county and is the owner of a valuable tract of land of one hundred and twenty-five acres in Madison township on the old Lexington road, about two miles south of Trotwood. Here he lives a life of well-directed energy and enterprise, his capable management of his business affairs bringing him substantial success.

He was born on the 23d of August, 1859, on the old Sanger farm near Taylorsburg, and is a son of George W. and Catharine (Blessing) Lentz. His paternal grandparents were Jacob and Frederica (Moselman) Lentz. The grandfather left Germany in his boyhood days and came to the United States, imbued with the desire to enjoy the opportunities which he had heard were offered in this country. He secured a tract of land near Dayton and at once became identified with the agricultural interests of this part of the state, while later he purchased the old Sanger farm and there continued to till the soil until he purchased what is known as the present Lentz farm, a tract of one hundred and sixty acres. He led a busy and useful life, possessing the characteristic German thrift and perseverance, and thereby he gained for himself a creditable position among the successful agriculturists of the county.

His son, George W. Lentz, who was born in this county, became one of the prominent farmers and carpenters of his locality. In early life he acquainted himself with the builder's trade and later did some contracting. However, farming claimed much of his attention and he was known as a most industrious worker and a good manager. He carried forward to successful completion whatever he undertook, basing his business principles and actions upon the rules which govern strict and unswerving integrity.

ISAAC LENTZ AND FAMILY

Isaac Lentz was about eight years of age when his father left the old Sanger farm and came to his present place. Here Isaac Lentz has resided continuously since. He acquired his education in the district schools and in the summer months worked in the fields, so that there were few leisure house in his youth. In fact, throughout his entire life he has been a very busy man and in addition to managing the old home farm he also owns another tract of thirty-three acres on the Lexington road, about a mile north of his place of residence. A quarter of a century ago he took up the dairy business and now has the distinction of being the largest distributor in the city of Dayton. He keeps about sixty head of cows, all of which are of high grade, and he employs competent help to assist him in carrying on his business. Everything about the dairy is most clean, neat, sanitary and attractive, and his extensive patronage is indicative of the fact that his patrons are well satisfied.

On the 11th of January, 1883, Mr. Lentz was united in marriage to Miss Ida E. Beeghley, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Beeghley. They, too, were farming people and her father also engaged in the dairy business. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lentz have been born eight children: Alice, now the wife of Benner Bright, by whom she has one son, Russell; Edith E., the wife of Earl Cleo Landis, who is living on the farm with her father; Sarah, who was graduated from the Trotwood high school in the spring of 1909; Orben, Laura and Roscoe, who are still in school; Edward, deceased; and Ray Clifford, born March 29, 1909

Mr. Lentz is a representative of one of the old families of the county and throughout the years of their connection with this part of the state they have been known as good citizens, reliable and enterprising in business and loyal to the best interests of the community, giving substantial support to many measures for the public good. Isaac Lentz sustains the excellent reputation always borne by the family and is regarded as a substantial and reliable business man, who owes his success not to any fortunate combination of circumstances but to his own well directed efforts and unremitting diligence. He is a member of the conservative branch of the German Baptist church and has been a teacher in the Sunday school for five years. In politics he is a republican but cares nothing for the honors or emoluments of office.

JOSHUA ZWEIFEL.

America has drawn to herself world-wide attention by reason of the marked advance she has made in many lines of invention but in none has the progress been more marked than in the processes of photography. The accomplishment in this line partakes of the marvelous so great has been the improvement since Daguerre first gave to the world a means of transmitting the human likeness to paper and other materials through the use of the sun's rays. Keeping fully abreast with the improvements that are being continually involved in photographic work Joshua Zweifel well merits the success which he is meeting as one of Dayton's photographers.

He was born in Canton Glarus, Switzerland, in 1874 and came to America in 1882 with his mother. They first went to Monroe, Wisconsin, where the son largely acquired his education and on leaving that place in 1891 removed to Duluth, Minnesota, where he spent six years. There he was engaged in the photographic business with his brother until 1898 when he returned to Monroe, Wisconsin, where he continued for three years. In 1891 he came to Dayton and opened a photographic studio in this city, where he has since continued in business. Not only thoroughly familiar with all of the mechanical processes thereof, he also possesses much artistic skill and ability, which is shown in the readiness with which he catches a natural pose or expression that makes a likeness largely perfect. He is now accorded a liberal patronage, his success continually increasing as the years go by.

In 1890 in Monroe, Wisconsin, Mr. Zweifel was married to Miss Nora Roderick. His political support is given to the republican party and his fraternal relations are with the Odd Fellows and the Masons. In the latter organization he has taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite and of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs also to the First Baptist church, the Young Men's Christian Association and the Chamber of Commerce, these connections indicating his interest in all of the varied phases which go to make up the life of the community and promote its progress along the lines of intellectual, material, political and moral advancement.

WILLIAM HALL.

Electricity in all of its adaptable qualities is such a comparatively new element in the working forces of the business world that it seems astounding when one pauses for a moment to consider what has been attempted and accomplished through its dynamic power. There is, however, no hamlet or village so small in all America that has not felt the benefit to be derived therefrom. Mr. Hall is numbered among those who are putting this force to practical use in carefully managed and capably directed business enterprise, being now at the head of the William Hall Electric Company of Dayton.

While Mr. Hall has been almost a lifelong resident of Dayton another of the metropolitan centers of the state was the place of his nativity. He was born in Cincinnati in 1860 and in 1865 was brought to Dayton where his youthful days were passed. He obtained his education as a public-school student, continuing his studies until fifteen years of age when he became connected with electrical work and throughout the entire period of his business life has continued in this line. Undoubtedly one of the strong factors of his success is the fact that he has continued in the same department of labor in which he embarked as a young tradesman. In 1883 he began business on his own account and in 1905 the enterprise was incorporated under the name of the William Hall Electric Company, Mr. Hall becoming president. The concern occupies a prominent place in this department of labor, having a well equipped plant and a corps of competent employes under the able direction of Mr. Hall and his associates who are well versed in the business. He is thoroughly familiar with electrical

work from both the practical and the scientific standpoints and is thus competent to judge the worth of an employe or to compute the cost connected with the execution of any contract.

In regard to the interests outside of business which constitute forces in the life of the American citizen Mr. Hall is a democrat, although not active in party ranks, and is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic fraternity. In the latter he has taken the degrees of the Commandery and the Consistory and with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine has crossed the sands of the desert. He is in hearty sympathy with the beneficent spirit of the craft and its recognition of the truth of universal brotherhood. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is recognized as a dependable man about whom there is nothing sinister or anything to conceal and who, on the contrary, is ready to meet any obligation of life with a confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability and right conception of things.

WILLIAM J. JONES.

While William J. Jones has figured in commercial circles in Dayton for more than four decades, for almost a quarter of a century he has been in a position of administrative direction and executive control, bending his energies to the successful conduct of the interests of the Stoddard Manufacturing Company, controlling one of the largest agricultural implement manufactories of the country. Along well defined lines of labor his success has been won, his history being another illustration of the fact that diligence, perseverance and intelligently directed effort constitute a broad and safe foundation upon which to build the superstructure of success.

A native of Hamilton county, Ohio, he was born November 22, 1843, his parents being David C. and Eliza (Shumard) Jones, also natives of Ohio. The father was a farmer by occupation and on leaving Hamilton removed to Butler county, Ohio, about 1850, giving forty years of his life to agricultural pursuits there. In 1890 he came to Dayton, where his remaining days were passed in honorable retirement, his death occurring in May, 1893, while his widow survived until December, 1894. They were people of the highest respectability, who for many years held membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, ever conforming their lives to its teachings.

The youthful experiences of William J. Jones were those of most farm boys. The period of his minority was given to the acquirement of a common-school education and to the work of the fields on the home farm, his parents living in Hamilton and in Butler counties while he was still under the parental roof. His taste was rather in mechanical than in agricultural lines, however, and when nineteen years of age he began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed for about three years. In February, 1866, he entered as a student Greer's Commercial College and pursued the full course but ere receiving his diploma he left the school to take temporary charge of a set of books for the firm of Haas & Mitchell. Two months later he returned to the college, intending to remain

until he obtained his diploma, but the principal regarded his proficiency such as to entitle him to the diploma without further study and it was given him. His next step in business life made him bookkeeper for the lumber firm of William Seeley & Company, with which he remained for three and a half years, when he severed his connection with that house to take charge of the books for D. W. Stewart & Company. Seven years were passed in that position, during which time he became recognized as an expert accountant.

He was next bookkeeper with C. Wright & Son and when he left that firm on the 1st of December, 1879, it was to occupy a similar position with J. W. Stoddard & Company. That his business capacity was soon recognized here is indicated by the fact that on the incorporation of the Stoddard Manufacturing Company in 1884, Mr. Jones was taken in as a stockholder and in 1886 was elected treasurer, which position he has now filled for twenty-three years, his keen discrimination and capable management being factors in the successful control of this important industry. He has also become connected with other business interests, being one of the incorporators of the Buckeye Building & Loan Association, which was organized April 1, 1893. He was elected secretary and treasurer of the Kinsey Manufacturing Company of Dayton in July, 1907.

In 1869 occurred the marriage of Mr. Jones and Miss Luvina McClellan, of Springdale, Ohio, a daughter of James McClellan. Their son, Frank McClellan Jones, was married in 1894 and has two children, Marie R. and William Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Jones are members of the Park Presbyterian church.

Since entering business life forty-two years ago he has made steady progress toward the goal of prosperity and for some years has been numbered among the men of affluence in Dayton, his success being the merited tribute of earnest, persistent and honorable labor. Throughout the entire period he has maintained a reputation for unsullied integrity in business affairs, while his salient qualities in other relations of life are equally commendable, bringing to him the warm regard of a large circle of friends.

JOHN PETER NEFF.

John Peter Neff is the owner of a tract of twenty-one acres of limestone land in Madison township and is here successfully engaged in the nursery business, growing berries, fruits, etc. The farm is situated on the Union road, about two and a half miles south of Trotwood. Our subject was born in Stringtown, Montgomery county, Ohio, January 17, 1864, his parents being Michael and Margaret (Rausch) Neff. The paternal grandfather, John Neff, spent his entire life in Germany and was prominent as an agriculturist and carpet weaver. The maternal grandfather, Peter Rausch, likewise spent his entire life in the fatherland and was a carpet weaver by trade. When twenty-seven years of age Michael Neff, the father of John Peter Neff, crossed the Atlantic and after reaching the shores of the new world, took up his abode in Stringtown, Ohio, where he resided until called to his final rest. By occupation he was a shoemaker. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Margaret Rausch, also came to this country

from Germany and is still living in Stringtown, having now atttained the age of seventy-six years.

John Peter Neff obtained his education in the schools of Madison township and throughout his active business career has been engaged in the nursery and berry business. As before stated, his place comprises twenty-one acres of limestone land on the Union road and the success which has attended his labors as a horticulturist is but the merited reward of his unfaltering energy and capable management.

On the 12th of February, 1885, Mr. Neff was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Cripe, a daughter of Jacob and Barbara (Brandt) Cripe. The father, who was a farmer by occupation, came to this county from Illinois when Mrs. Neff was about seven years of age. She was educated in the schools of Trotwood and by her marriage has become the mother of twelve children, as follows: Earl, twenty-three years of age, who is a graduate of the Trotwood schools and is now attending college at Chicago; Elmer, twenty-one years of age, who is likewise a graduate of the Trotwood schools and is now engaged in teaching; Ora, eighteen years of age, who is attending school and is still on the farm with his father; Margaret, who passed away at the age of six years; Ruth and Ira, aged fourteen and twelve years respectively, who are likewise attending school; Walter, who is deceased; Lawrence, seven years of age, who is attending school; Paul, who has atttained the age of six years; one who died in infancy; Ray L., two years of age; and Bertha M.

Mr. Neff belongs to the conservative branch of the Dunkard church and his interest centers in those lines of life and public activity which have for their object the welfare and substantial development of the community. Having spent his entire life in Montgomery county, he has a wide and favorable acquaintance within its borders and is recognized as one of its prosperous and respresentative citizens.

CHARLES W. SLAGLE.

Charles W. Slagle, cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Dayton, which position of trust and responsibility he has filled since the 1st of April, 1906, was born in Troy, Ohio, on September 25, 1864. His father, Jacob Slagle, who served for one hundred days as a soldier of the Civil War, died during the childhood of his son Charles, who in 1867 was brought to Dayton and in this city was reared and educated. When he had mastered the branches of learning that constituted the public-school curriculum he was graduated from the Central high school with the class of 1881 and then in preparation for a business career pursued a course in the Miami Commercial College at Dayton.

On leaving that institution he put his training to the practical test in the Merchants National Bank, securing a position as messenger there in October. He applied himself closely to the mastery of the duties entrusted to him and his diligence, reliability and faithfulness were elements that won for him promotion from time to time until in March, 1885, he was made receiving teller and on the 1st of July, 1889, became general bookkeeper. His varied service brought

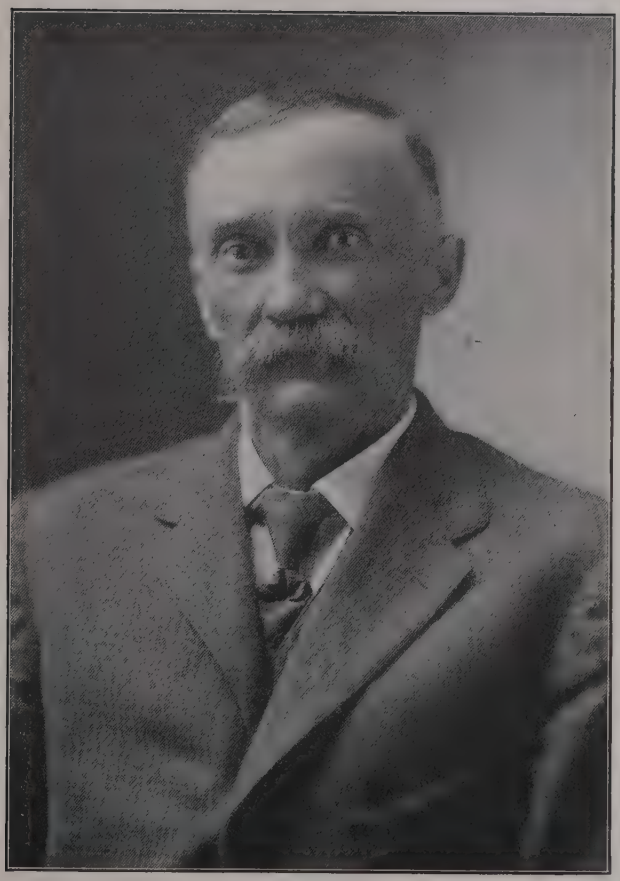
him comprehensive familiarity with the business in all of its departments. On the 1st of January, 1906, he was made assistant cashier, this being followed by rapid promotion to the position of cashier on the 1st of April, 1906. He is regarded as a worthy representative of financial interests in the city, his labors constituting an element in the continuous progress and success of the bank.

On the 20th of April, 1892, in Dayton, the marriage of Charles W. Slagle and Miss Belle Hyers, a daughter of William H. Hyers, was celebrated. They attend the Presbyterian church and Mr. Slagle belongs to the Stillwater Canoe Club. His political allegiance is given the republican party and his influence is always on the side of those things which are beneficial to the city and to the individual, yet the demands of his business interests leave him little time for active participation in public movements.

ABRAHAM FILMORE ALLAMAN.

Abraham Filmore Allaman, a successful and leading agriculturist of Madison township, is the owner of one hundred and two acres of fine farming land, situated two miles northwest of Trotwood on the crossroad of the Wolf Creek pike and near the Pennsylvania railroad. His birth occurred on the 17th of January, 1849, about a mile west of Englewood on the National pike, his parents being David and Catherine (Zimmerman) Allaman, both of whom were natives of Pennsylvania and came to this county shortly after their marriage. The paternal grandfather, Henry Allaman, who was of German descent and also a native of the Keystone state, made his way to this county and passed away here. David Allaman, the father of our subject, followed the trade of carpentering and contracting for a number of years but eventually took up agricultural pursuits and was thus engaged until the time of his demise, his remains being laid to rest in Polk Grove cemetery. He was twice married and by his first wife had nine children, as follows: Abraham Filmore, of this review; Jacob; Ella; and Dan, Charles E., David F., Sarah J., an infant child and Mary Catherine, all of whom have passed away. By his second wife, who bore the maiden name of Martha Cassel, Mr. Allaman also had nine children, namely: Ida; Grant; Emma; Nora; Viana; Lyman; William E.; Perry; and one who is deceased.

Abraham Filmore Allaman obtained his education in the common schools and early became familiar with the duties and labors of an agriculturist as he assisted his father in the cultivation of the home farm. After putting aside his text-books he worked by the month as a farm hand and was thus engaged until his well directed energy and careful expenditures had brought him capital sufficient to enable him to purchase the place upon which he now resides, then known as the Snyder farm. As the years passed by and he prospered in his undertakings he added to his original purchase until his farm now comprises one hundred and two acres of rich and productive land that responds readily to the care and cultivation which he bestows upon it. He markets his butter, etc., in Dayton and in addition to his general farming interests he also raises some stock for his own use. He resides in a commodious two-story frame dwelling,



A. F. ALLAMAN

which he erected two years ago, and is known throughout the community as a substantial and public-spirited citizen, as well as an enterprising business man.

Mr. Allaman has been married twice. He was first wedded, in January, 1871, to Miss Melvina Carmony, of Champaign county, by whom he had three children. Roscoe U. married Miss Sarah Weaver and has five children: Rebecca, Noel, Edna, John and Ralph. Jane is the deceased wife of Albert Riley, who has one son, Charles D. The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Allaman died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Allaman chose Mrs. Martha (Brookins) Snyder, whom he married on the 1st of September, 1887, her parents being Richard and Christina (Holsapple) Brookins. Her paternal grandfather passed away in the east but her father, Richard Brookins, came to this county from Pennsylvania in early manhood and followed the trade of brickmaking. At the time of the outbreak of hostilities between the north and the south he enlisted as a member of the Ninety-third Ohio Infantry, which was assigned to the Army of the Potomac, and died while in Libby prison, thus laying down his life on the altar of his country. By her first husband, Isaac Snyder, Mrs. Allaman had a son, Charles Albert. Mr. Allaman has five children, namely: Noah H.; Frank D.; Ray A. and Roy F., twins; and William Webster.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Allaman is connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 696, at Little York, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Brethren church, in the work of which the members of his family are also helpfully interested. Always a resident of Montgomery county, he is classed with its industrious and prosperous farmers and in the conduct of his business affairs he has displayed a reliability and progressiveness that have gained him admiration as well as success.

FRANK T. HUFFMAN.

For fourteen years Frank T. Huffman has been connected with the Davis Sewing Machine Company and for twelve years has been its president, being thus closely connected with an important industrial concern which is contributing to the business growth of the city as well as to individual remuneration. Born in Dayton in 1857, he is a son of William P. and Anna M. (Tate) Huffman. The family comes of German ancestry, the line being traced back to the great-grandfather, William Huffman, who was of German descent, while his wife, who was of English lineage, crossed the Atlantic from Holland to the new world in the decade between 1730 and 1740. This worthy couple were residents of Monmouth county, New Jersey, where William Hoffman, the grandfather of our subject, was born May 24, 1769. Having arrived at years of maturity he was there married on the 14th of June, 1801, to Miss Lydia Knott, who was born in Monmouth county, New Jersey, January 19, 1779. On removing westward they settled in Dayton, where William Huffman died January 23, 1866, having for several months survived his wife, who passed away March 21, 1865.

Their family numbered a son, William P. Huffman, and four daughters. After acquiring his preliminary education the son devoted some time to reading law,

recognizing the fact that a knowledge of the science of jurisprudence always constitutes a valuable asset in a business career. Following the removal of the family to Dayton, he left the city early in 1837 and for ten years was engaged in farming. In 1848, however, he returned to this city and for a long period thereafter was a factor in business circles by reason of his extensive operation in banking, real-estate lines and building. He brought intricate business problems to ready and correct solution because of his keen insight and sound judgment. He quickly discriminated between the essential and the nonessential, discarding the latter and utilizing the former in the accomplishment of the result he desired. He was interested in the Third Street Railway, the Dayton & Springfield pike and the Cooper Hydraulic Company, and was one of the organizers of the Second National Bank, continuing as its president up to the time of his death.

On the 18th of October, 1837, occurred the marriage of William P. Huffman to Miss Anna M. Tate, a daughter of Samuel Tate. They had a large family numbering the following: William, deceased; Martha Bell, the wife of E. J. Barney, of Dayton; Lydia H., the wife of James R. Hedges, of Dayton; Charles T., deceased; Lizzie, the widow of Charles E. Drury; Samuel, who died in early boyhood; Torrence and Frank, both of Dayton; George P.; and Anna M. While he was widely known as a successful financier and business man, William P. Huffman's activities did not cease with his efforts in those lines but were an element in behalf of general educational and moral progress. He belonged to the Linden Avenue Baptist church and for fifteen years was a member of the board of trustees at Denison University at Granville, Ohio. A contemporary biographer said of him: "A man of clear, sound, practical judgment and exceedingly conservative and reliable in all transactions, the name of William P. Huffman stood as a synonym for wisdom and safety in the business circles of Dayton. As a man of integrity and moral worth, he was a strong factor in molding the Christian sentiment of the community of which he was for many years a worthy and honored citizen."

Reared amid the refining influences in a cultured home, Frank T. Huffman spent his early days in Dayton as a pupil in the public schools and afterward attended Denison University at Granville, while subsequently he pursued a special course in civil engineering under Dr. Dickinson near Trevilians Station, Virginia. Later he went to Colorado, where he devoted four years to ranching and mining, and in 1880 he returned to his native city, where he became connected with the wholesale and retail hardware business in partnership with George F. Rohr under the firm style of George F. Rohr & Company. He had been associated with that enterprise for a year and a half when he withdrew and for a few years thereafter was connected with building operations in Dayton and with farming in Montgomery county, erecting a number of substantial residences in this city. He next became chief clerk and cashier in the internal revenue office of Dayton, where he remained for two years, and in 1888 he was elected treasurer of Montgomery county, where he discharged his duties with such promptness and acceptability that he was reelected, continuing as the incumbent for four years. On the expiration of that period he retired from office and for a time conducted real-estate operations. In 1895 he was elected treasurer of the Davis Sewing Machine Company and in 1897 became vice president and general man-

ager, while the following year he was elected to the presidency and has remained at the head of the business continuously since.

In 1888 Mr. Huffman was married in Dayton to Miss Ada McIntire, a daughter of the late John K. McIntire, and their children are three in number: John McIntire Huffman, Evelyn Van Tuyl Huffman and Frank T. Huffman.

Mr. Huffman is well known in Masonry, having taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite, the Commandery and the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Dayton City Club and to the Buzfuz Club, his social interest thus finding expression. He manifests his interest in the moral progress of the community as a member of Linden Avenue Baptist church, and he gives his political support to the republican party. Whether in office or out of it he has always been a loyal, progressive citizen, cooperating whenever possible in the movements calculated to promote public progress along lines of reform and advancement.

JOHN BIERSACK.

John Biersack, a market gardener of Mad River township, is the owner of twenty-seven acres of rich and productive land just off of the Troy pike, about two miles from the courthouse. His birth occurred in Dayton, Ohio, on the 14th of June, 1860, his parents being Andrew and Barbara Biersack. The paternal grandfather, an expert mechanic by trade, spent his entire life in Germany. Andrew Biersack, the father of our subject, obtained his education in the schools of Germany and in early manhood crossed the Atlantic to the United States, taking up his abode in Montgomery county, Ohio. Here he purchased a tract of land and engaged in gardening. He was numbered among the substantial, enterprising and respected citizens of his community until his death, which occurred August 24, 1909, at the age of eighty-one years.

In pursuit of an education John Biersack attended the schools of his native city and at the same time also worked on the truck farm with his father. He has been successfully identified with market gardening throughout his active business career and now owns and operates a fine farm of twenty-seven acres in Mad River township, his products meeting with a ready and profitable sale.

On the 16th of February, 1885, Mr. Biersack was united in marriage to Miss Josephine Roth, a daughter of George and Mary (Cruesemeyer) Roth, who were farming people of Germany. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Biersack have been born six children, namely: Cecilia, Herbert and Irma, who have completed their education; and Alphonse, Lauretta and Mary, who are attending school.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Biersack has given his political allegiance to the men and measures of the democratic party and his fellow townsmen, recognizing his worth and ability, have called him to positions of public trust. He is now serving as trustee of Mad River township and also as a member of the school board, discharging his official duties in a prompt and efficient manner. He belongs to the Knights of St. George, No. 104, of Dayton, Ohio, and to the Holy Rosary church. A resident of Montgomery county throughout his entire life, his record is largely familiar to the great majority

of our readers. His genuine personal worth and sterling traits of character have won him the unbounded confidence and esteem of the entire community and the respect and admiration of all with whom he has come in contact.

C. H. BREIDENBACH, M. D.

Dr. C. H. Breidenbach, engaged in the general practice of medicine and since 1899 acting as surgeon for the Dayton fire department, has given undivided attention to his profession for more than a decade. He was born in the city which is still his home in 1867, and, as the name indicates, comes from German lineage. His father, Daniel G. Breidenbach, whose birth occurred in Germany, July 6, 1826, was a young man of twenty years when he determined to make his home in the new world, reaching Philadelphia on the 13th of May, 1846. Two months later he came to Dayton, where he entered business life as a shoemaker and as he prospered in the course of years he opened a retail shoe store and for a long period was a prominent representative of mercantile interests here. There came an interruption in his commercial career, however, when in response to a call for troops he served for one hundred days, joining the One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and during the period of his enlistment was stationed at Baltimore. He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and also a charter member of the German Pioneer Society. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and from 1875 until 1881 he served as a member of the board of education, while in 1883 he became assessor of his ward and occupied that position for fourteen years. He died October 22, 1903, and his wife passed away October 22, 1892. Both were members of the German Evangelical church. Mrs. Breidenbach bore the maiden name of Anna Trieschman and was also a native of Germany. Their wedding was celebrated in 1848 and was blessed with eleven children: Elias, second vice president of American Federation of Painters and Paper Hangers; Conrad, an organ builder of Piqua, Ohio; Catherine, the wife of J. W. Fouts, of West Alexandria, Ohio; Mary, who became the wife of Lawrence Kirchner and died in March, 1894; J. W., a printer of Dayton; Emma, who became the wife of P. M. Weaver, of Dayton, and died in Dayton, September 13, 1907; C. H.; Anna, the wife of Samuel Monneman of Dayton; and three who died in infancy.

Of this family Dr. C. H. Breidenbach is the youngest son and has made for himself an enviable position as a medical practitioner in his native city. He pursued his education in the public schools here and entered business as an employe in the drug store of Dr. J. C. Reeve, Jr. Later he took up the systematic study of pharmacy and was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy in 1888. He then became a student in the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, from which he was graduated in April, 1898. Immediately afterward he located for practice in Dayton, where he has since followed his chosen calling. He has done excellent work as a general practitioner and since 1899 he has acted as surgeon for the Dayton fire department. He is also serving on the staff of the Miami Valley Hospital and is recognized as an able physician of wide general

knowledge in all the branches of his profession. He was formerly well known as a prosperous druggist of the city, having in 1890 established a store at the corner of Fifth street and Jefferson. He attained particular skill as a chemist and his ability in that direction as well as his knowledge of the various properties of drugs have constituted splendid equipment for his medical practice. He is now serving as first vice president of the Market Savings Bank of Dayton.

On the 3d of April, 1893, Dr. Breidenbach was married to Miss Anna Danner, a popular teacher, who for seven years had been connected with the fifth district school. They have two daughters, Isabel and Anna Marie. Dr. and Mrs. Breidenbach hold membership in the St. John's Lutheran church and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite and the Mystic Shrine. He is also a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Patriotic Order of Sons of America. His political allegiance is unfalteringly given to the republican party, which finds in him a stalwart advocate. In professional lines he is connected with the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. An interest in scientific research and broad humanitarianism, as well as a commendable desire to achieve financial success, are features in the professional work of Dr. Breidenbach and are bringing him to a prominent position in professional circles.

WILLIAM J. ROSENCRANS.

A review of the business life at Dayton at once brings to light the fact that is has a very large number of extensive and profitable industrial concerns and that it is one of the centers of the iron and steel trade of the country. With this great department of labor William J. Rosencrans is connected as the president of the American Foundry & Casting Company and the great enterprise is a monument to the business ability, energy and laudable ambition of him whose name introduces this review.

A native of Fairfield county, Ohio, he was born upon a farm in the year 1870 and in his youthful days attended the district schools, participated in the pleasures of the playground or performed such tasks as were assigned him by parental authority. Thus the years passed until he reached the age of sixteen when, desirous of providing for his own support and making his start in the business world he went to Springfield, Ohio, where he began learning the molder's trade.

In the year 1891 he came to Dayton and entered the employ of the Brownell Company, representing that and other iron concerns until 1904 when he organized and established his present business under the name of the Advanced Foundry Company. This was not an incorporated concern but was successfully conducted until 1907 when Mr. Rosencrans organized the company of which he is now president. When he arrived in Dayton he had but twenty-five cents. He possessed, however, what is far better than capital—the substantial qualities which are always the basis of success, such as industry, perseverance and determination. He sought and secured immediate employment and from time to

time his industry and his economy enabled him to add to his capital. When he and his partner organized the Advanced Foundry Company they had twenty-three hundred dollars between them and when they had erected the building they were several hundred dollars in debt and had nothing with which to pay workmen or the running expenses of the business. With firm and unflinching purpose they bent their energies toward the establishment of a trade, solicited orders, filled them according to contract time and established a reputation for reliability and enterprise which gained for them a constantly growing patronage. They now have a plant valued at fifty thousand dollars and their business is enjoying substantial growth and yielding good returns.

In 1893 Mr. Rosencrans was married in Springfield to Miss Sarah Condren and they now have one son, William R. Mr. Rosencrans belongs to St. Joseph's Catholic church and also to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He is a typical young business man of the present age, alert and energetic, recognizing the advantages which the business world offers and utilizing his opportunities with the result that he is steadily forging ahead. He allows no obstacles to bar his path if they can be overcome by persistent and honorable effort and already he has attained an enviable position in industrial circles.

C. D. SLAGLE, M. D.

Dr. C. D. Slagle, one of the prominent physicians of Centerville, was born August 29, 1871, in Sciotoville, near Portsmouth, Ohio, and is the son of Dr. Jacob and Margaret (Dodge) Slagle. The mother is still living in Portsmouth, but the father, who was born in Olpa, in the province of Baden, Germany, on the 20th of July, 1847, died January 29, 1904. He was but an infant when his parents, George and Mary (Schaffer) Slagle, came to this country. The former was born March 11, 1811, in Baden, Germany, the son of Shriver Slagle, a Frenchman, and was educated in the land of his birth. He followed the life of a winemaker and farmer. In 1848 he disposed of all his business and came to this country, making his way immediately to Ohio. He settled in Scioto county and followed the life of a farmer until his death, which occurred March 27, 1877. His wife, who was born in Baden, Germany, December 11, 1810, survived him something over six years, her death occurring on the anniversary of her birth, 1883. Dr. Jacob Slagle received his education in the common schools of Ohio, and his medical degree from the Miami Medical College in Cincinnati in 1877. He began the practice of his profession in Scioto county, where he remained for about twelve years locating in Portsmouth in 1890. Six years later he went to California but returned to Ohio in 1901, making his home in Troy, this state, until his death, which occurred January 29, 1904. For three years he served in the Union Army during the Civil war, enlisting in 1862 as a member of the Forty-seventh Kentucky Volunteer Infantry. Seven children were born to him and his wife: C. D., Franklin J., Willard G., Clara B., Catherine M., Otto S. and Harland E.

DR. C. D. SLAGLE

C. D. Slagle received his early education in the common schools of the place of his birth and later attended the high school at Wheelersburg, Ohio, from which he was graduated. For the next two years he was taught by a German, Professor Neihbuer. In 1894 he entered the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, from which he received his degree in 1897. Thereupon he joined his father in Portsmouth and for a year assisted him in caring for his patients. The work was heavy, however, and told upon the health of both men, so that they were compelled to leave and go to California, though the younger man remained here for a short time to close up the business and did not go west until 1898. He practiced there for a short while, but was not very favorably impressed with the country and returned to this state in July, 1898. Montgomery county has been the scene of his professional labors ever since.

On the 22d of April, 1896, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Slagle and Miss Mayme L. Bandau, of Portsmouth. She is the daughter of George and Mary (Stoll) Bandau. George Bandau was for ten years a minister of the United Brethren church until failing health compelled him to abandon that work for less strenuous labor in the commercial world. His wife died June 15, 1909. Dr. and Mrs. Slagle's union has been blessed with five children—Marian M., William L., Marie L., Ethelyne L., and George W. C. The two eldest are of an age to attend school. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and are conspicuous in all its work.

Dr. Slagle enjoys fraternal relations with the Knights of Pythias in Centerville, Ohio, and is also a member of several societies that look to the advancement of his profession, belonging to the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Society, the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. In the summer of 1902 he added to his professional efficiency by a post-graduate course in the New York Post Graduate Medical school and New York Lying-In Hospital. In the years that he has practiced in Centerville he has made a reputation for discrimination and good judgment in the diagnosis of cases and the careful and conscientious care of patients. He is in consequence held in high regard and deservedly so.

GEORGE B. BOLENDER.

George B. Bolender, a gardener of Harrison township, Montgomery county, was born in this county, October 7, 1876. His paternal grandfather, Jonathan Bolender, came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was among the first settlers in this section of the county. He was at one time the holder of extensive tracts of land in and about the city of Dayton, to whose future development he contributed his share, and was accounted a good business man. When death called him he was buried in Woodland cemetery. In his youth he had married Miss Rebecca Dunbar, and of this union was born Joseph Bolender, the father of the subject of this sketch. He greeted the light of day in this county and has passed the greater number of his years here. From the public schools he received the fundamentals of his education, and to gardening he has devoted

his life and energies since returning from the Civil war, for he was one of brave men to whom the nation owes its preservation. He enlisted in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Infantry, under Colonel Wallace, and served, with honor to himself and state, in the Army of the Potomac. He married Miss Elizabeth Crawford, who bore to him six children: George, the subject of this sketch; Oliver; Rebecca; Lucy; Walter and Lorette, both deceased.

George B. Bolender received from the common schools of Greencastle, Indiana, his formal education, but as with most boys who live on a farm the lessons of school and work about the home place were prosecuted at the same time. The valiant patriotism that distinguished the grandfather and father seemed to have been transmitted to the son, for at the outbreak of the Spanish war, in 1898, George Bolender enlisted in the Third Ohio Volunteers. He did not see active service at this time, however, for he was kept at Tampa, Florida, until after the battle of Santiago, when he was mustered out at Columbus, Ohio. The desire to fight for his country was still strong, however, so he reenlisted in the regular army, in the Third United States Infantry, with whom he went to the Philippines under Colonel Page. There his services extended over three years, during which time he took active part in the engagements at Bintoa Church, San Yldefsorso—there were two skirmishes at this place—Mason Road and Riaconabato, a battle which continued through four days. After his Philippine service he entered the Coast Artillery, where he did efficient work, and from which he was discharged with an excellent character.

In contrast to his years of military activity and uncertainty a home of his own seemed especially desirable, so upon his return to Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Bolender married Miss Bessie Shawen. Mrs. Shawen makes her home with her daughter, for the father has been dead some years. During his life he was a resident of this county and was well known as a hardworking, honorable man of acumen and ability in the business world. Mr. and Mrs. Bolender are now the parents of three sons: Lawton E., Clyde T. and Melton H.

Mr. Bolender is frequently one of the congenial spirits in the gatherings of the Red Men, and in the company of the other members of the local post of the Spanish War Veterans, revives the memories of those years of struggle. He is still a young man who has the best years of his life yet to live, and if one may judge from the record left by his earlier life there is every reason to be confident that the remaining span allotted to him will be filled with noble endeavor and work well done, which will be its own reward.

WALTER B. MOORE.

With splendid powers of organization and a faculty for coordinating forces in a way that produce maximum results, Walter B. Moore is well qualified for his present position as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce of Dayton. He was born in this city, February 22, 1875, and acquired his education in the public schools, which he attended to the age of fourteen, when he started out in the business world as an employe in a machine shop. Later he entered the Barney &

Smith car shops, where he remained from 1890 until 1894, as an employe in the varnishing department, at the end of which time he became stock clerk for the National Cash Register Company and while thus employed took up the study of stenography and typewriting, which he learned, together with bookkeeping. For eight years he remained with the National Cash Register Company, serving in twelve different departments as successive promotions gained him transfers. His last service was that of secretary of the building committee and assistant to the engineer of maintenance and construction.

In 1905 he left that company and became secretary and commissioner for the Dayton Receivers & Shippers Association, which at that time had but two dollars in its treasury and a membership of thirty-three. Mr. Moore raised the membership to one hundred and twenty-five and continued to act as secretary until May 1, 1908, when the organization was merged into the Chamber of Commerce and designated as the Traffic Bureau of the Chamber of Commerce. At that time Mr. Moore became secretary and general manager of the latter organization, which is his present connection. He is accomplishing excellent results in this direction for the benefit of the trade interests and commercial activity of the city and it would be difficult to find one in Dayton who is more thoroughly informed concerning business conditions here and the possibilities that lie before Dayton for the enlargement of her trade connections.

On the 31st of January, 1906, Mr. Moore was united in marriage in Dayton, to Miss Julia S. Cowan, and they have one daughter, Marjorie Ann. Mr. Moore belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He has a military record, by reason of his enlistment for service in the Spanish-American war on the 5th of May, 1898, at which time he became corporal in Troop F, First Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He was mustered out at Columbus in the following October. His troop was the first at Chickamauga, thence went to Lakewood, Florida, and afterward at Huntsville, Alabama. From that point the troop went to be mustered out at Columbus.

In political circles Mr. Moore is also well known, being recognized as one of the local leaders of the republican party and is now serving for the second term as councilman at large, being elected on the republican ticket. He is actuated in all that he does by a public-spirited devotion to the general good and his labors have won for him substantial recognition in business and political circles, his fellow townsmen recognizing his worth and the value and effectiveness of his labors.

WILLIAM H. KIMMEL.

William H. Kimmel, starting in business life as a messenger in the Merchants National Bank is now holding the responsible position of secretary of the Mutual Home & Savings Association in Dayton. He was born here November 22, 1865, and his youthful days passed uneventfully in the pursuit of an education and in the enjoyment of the pleasures common to the boys of the locality and period. After passing through the consecutive grades in the public schools of Dayton he entered the Miami Commercial College, of this city, from which

he was graduated in the class of 1884. Thus equipped for the duties of a practical business life he entered the Merchants National Bank as messenger and was employed there for a year. In 1885 he came to the Mutual Home & Savings Association as receiving teller, and in 1891 was promoted to the position of bookkeeper, in which capacity he served until 1894, when he was elected secretary of the company and is now active in the control of its affairs, managing his department in a most thoroughgoing, systematic and progressive manner.

On the 26th of December, 1888, in Dayton, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kimmel and Miss Julia Ruckhaber, and unto them have been born five children: Walter R., Alfred William, Herbert Charles, Helen Louise, and Marie Adelaide. Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel hold membership in the Wayne Avenue Evangelical church and are interested in its work and contribute liberally to its support. Mr. Kimmel is a republican in politics but has never been an aspirant for office, for on the contrary he has concentrated his energies upon his business affairs and it has been through his close application and fidelity that he has won successive promotions to the present position of responsibility which he now occupies.

REV. AMOS HYRE.

Rev. Amos Hyre, who for the past twenty-seven years has preached the gospel as a minister of the German Baptist church in Madison township, is a worthy representative of one of the old pioneer families of Montgomery county. His birth occurred in Madison township, this county, on the 14th of March, 1846. The grandfather, Wesley Hyre, who was a native of North Carolina, came to Madison township when this section of the country was almost entirely covered with timber, which he had to clear away before the land could be utilized for farming purposes. He lived to attain a ripe old age and passed away in the faith of the German Baptist church, of which he was a valued and devoted member. He and his wife reared the following children: Wesley, Solomon, Isaac, Moses, Abraham, Absalom, Daniel, Belinda and Nancy.

Moses Hyre, the fourth son of Wesley Hyre and the father of our subject, was born in Madison township, Montgomery county, March 19, 1819. By trade he was a bricklayer and also conducted a sawmill in association with his brother Absalom. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Rebecca Stoner, was a native of Frederick county, Maryland, and a daughter of William and Elizabeth Stoner. By this union there were born the following children: William, Amos, Sarah and Susan. Subsequent to his marriage Moses Hyre settled on a tract of land in Madison township, where he spent his remaining days, being called to his final rest when seventy-three years of age. He was likewise a faithful and consistent member of the German Baptist church and was widely recognized as a substantial, respected and highly esteemed citizen of his native county.

Rev. Amos Hyre acquired his education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until the time of his marriage at the age of twenty-one years. Soon afterward he took up his abode on his present farm of seventy-six acres in Madison township, which at that time was only partially cleared. As

the years have gone by, however, he has transformed the place into a model farming property by systematic cultivation and the erection of substantial and attractive buildings.

As a companion and helpmate on the journey of life the Rev. Hyre chose Miss Mary Denlinger, whose birth occurred in Madison township, September 14, 1843, her parents being Abraham and Margaret (Miller) Denlinger. Unto them were born five children who are yet living, namely: Jennie; Edwin E., who wedded Miss Susie Eichelberger, by whom he has the following children: Emma, Edith, Orville, Sylvia, Jessie and Russell; Wilmer A. who married Miss Pearl Enby and has two children, Clifford G. and Cecil I; Maizie, who is the wife of David Moore and has a daughter, Mary V.; and Orphia M., who is at home. Rev. and Mrs. Hyre also had several other children who are now deceased.

Since December, 1881, Rev. Hyre has served as a deacon in the German Baptist church, while since the 28th of April, 1882, he has been minister thereof, his labors proving a potent element in the moral advancement of the community. He is one of the best known and most highly respected residents of Montgomery county, where he has made his home throughout his entire life, and is honored and esteemed not alone for his devotion and zeal in spreading the gospel but also for his many sterling characteristics as a man and citizen.

J. FRANK KIEFABER.

The mention of business interests and enterprise in Dayton at once brings to mind several important commercial and industrial concerns, among which is that of the Barney-Smith Manufacturing Company, of which J. Frank Kiefaber is now secretary and treasurer. To control interests of such extent and importance require men who possess keen discernment, unfaltering enterprise and the strong determination that enables one to persevere even in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles and difficulties. These qualities are characteristics of Mr. Kiefaber, who started upon life's journey in Dayton on the 28th of October, 1867.

As a public-school student he mastered the common branches of English learning and then when he put aside his text-books he secured a position as yard clerk with the Dayton & Ironton Railroad Company, of this city, remaining in that employ for three years. He next entered the service of the Standard Oil Company at Des Moines, Iowa, where he continued for two years, after which he returned to Dayton in 1891 and entered the employ of the Barney & Smith Company as bookkeeper. His ready appreciation of the opportunities of the business, the thoroughness with which he discharged his duties and the capability which he displayed won him recognition in successive promotions and thus he climbed steadily upward until he became secretary and treasurer of this company, which is one of the most important operating in industrial lines in Dayton, theirs being the most extensive car works west of the Alleghanies and one of the largest manufacturing concerns of the state.

In 1891 Mr. Kiefaber was married in Dayton to Miss Florence E. Gilbert, a daughter of Philip E. Gilbert, but she died in October, 1907. The children born to them are: J. Gilbert, Erminie G. and Rollin D. The family are well known socially and have the warm regard of many friends who extend to them the cordial hospitality of their homes.

In his political views Mr. Kiefaber is a republican and keeps well versed on the questions and issues of the day. He is opposed to anything like misrule in municipal affairs and does not hesitate to cast an independent ballot if he feels that the occasion demands. He is an exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity, has attained a high degree in the Scottish Rite and has also crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the Dayton City Club, Dayton Bicycle Club and Country Club, nor is he unmindful of the higher, holier duties of life, his interest in religious work being indicated in his membership in the First Baptist church. Possessing a fine tenor voice, he devotes this talent mostly to church and Masonic work and has always taken an active interest in the Philharmonic Society. He is also a member of the Dutch Club, a musical organization composed of ten of the best male voices in the city. He has been almost a lifelong resident of Dayton and those who have known him longest are numbered among his stanchest friends, a fact which indicates that his life has been worthily spent.

JOHN WALKER NIXON.

John Walker Nixon, who holds a prominent place among the representative citizens of Dayton, Ohio, is superintendent of the Montgomery county infirmary and has, during the last few years, been a conspicuous figure in political circles of this city. He was born in Warren county, this state, July 24, 1859, a son of James Riley and Mary Ann (Doan) Nixon, both natives of that county. The father devoted his entire life to the occupation of farming.

Reared under the parental roof, John Walker Nixon acquired his education in the common schools of his native county He continued to make his home in Warren county until 1890, when he removed with his wife and daughter to Dayton, where he has since resided. Here he became identified with the railway interests of the city and was thus connected in various capacities for nineteen years, or until the 1st of February, 1909, when he was elected superintendent of the Montgomery county infirmary. Although he has been incumbent in office for but a short time, he has already proven that the trust reposed in him by his fellowmen has not been misplaced, for aside from the strict performance of the duties of this office he also devotes considerable attention to humanitarian conditions.

On January 24, 1882, Mr. Nixon was united in marriage to Miss Eva F. Wass, a daughter of John and Mary Wass, of Warren county, and unto this union was born one child, Zella. The parents of Mrs. Nixon were natives of England, and after arriving in this country Mr. Wass was identified with railroad interests, working for the Pan Handle Company for forty-two years. Mrs. Nixon,

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who occupied the position of matron of the infirmary until her death, which occurred March 22, 1909, was a lady of many fine traits of character and by the capable way in which she managed the affairs under her direction proved a most valuable assistant to her husband. Since the death of Mrs. Nixon, the daughter, Zella, has acted as matron.

Mr. Nixon is an active and helpful member of the Christian church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life. His wife was also affiliated with this congregation. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a stalwart supporter of the democratic party and for the past four years has been a most active and prominent figure in local politics, doing especially effective work among the railroad men. His efforts have been a force toward furthering the influence of his party in the community and the position which he now holds has come to him as an acknowledgment on the part of his fellow citizens, not only of the services performed by him but also of his own personal worth and honorable, upright manhood.

ORIEN P. SWARTZEL.

Orien P. Swartzel, who is a teacher in the schools of district No. 11 A, Harrison township, and the owner of seven acres of land on the Frederick pike, was born October 5, 1851, in Sunbury, near Germantown, Ohio, and is the son of Abraham and Margaret (Craig) Swartzel. The paternal grandfather came from Saxony, Germany, and located in this county, where he was among the early settlers. The father was born in Montgomery county, and after he had reached man's estate removed to German township, this county. His interests were those of a farmer and he cultivated with creditable success a tract of seventy acres of good land. Six children were born to him, of whom our subject was the third, the two older being William and James.

Orien P. Swartzel received his introduction into the field of learning in the schools of Preble county. Graduating from these, he went to the college at Lebanon, Ohio, pursuing courses there through 1870, 1871, 1872 and 1873. In the last year he received his well earned degree. After leaving college he took up teaching and to this profession has devoted all his time and energy since, during a period of thirty-seven years. The schools of both Preble and Montgomery counties have profited by his devotion to his profession, and it is hoped that he will not soon carry his labors to other fields.

In May, 1877 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Swartzel to Miss Hattie Feerer, daughter of Jacob and Nancy (Ward) Feerer. Only one child, Guy D., has been born to the couple. He was graduated from Otterbein University, and is a young man of fine ability, who is following in the footsteps of his father. The family give their support to the Methodist church and in their daily lives uphold its teachings.

Mr. Swartzel is an active member of the Vandalia Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is regular in attendance at its meetings. He also takes an efficient interest in the social and philanthropic work of the society and is ever

eager to promote the welfare of his fraternal brothers. He has done a great deal in raising the standard of the schools of Montgomery county, and of the professional services he has rendered the community the people are duly appreciative. His efforts are met with good-will and encouragement, and it is the universally expressed wish that the schools may continue to profit by his guidance. The small farm which Mr. Swartzel may sometimes be seen cultivating himself during leisure hours, affords him a pleasant relaxation from the duties of the school room.

EDWIN E. HYRE.

Edwin E. Hyre, a worthy representative of the agricultural interests of Madison township has spent his entire life within the borders of Montgomery county. He is a young man of unfaltering enterprise and in all of his farm work manifests a most progressive spirit. He was born February 10, 1871, and is a grandson of Moses and Rebecca (Stoner) Hyre and a son of Amos and Mary (Denlinger) Hyre. The father is a man of broad and liberal education, who for many years devoted his life to the work of the ministry but is now retired, making his home in Madison township. Unto him and his wife were born nine children: Willis, deceased; Jennie; Edwin E.; Anna, also deceased; Wilmer; Clarence, who has passed away; Sylvia, who has also departed this life; Mazie; and Orpha.

In the grammar schools Edwin E. Hyre pursued his education, dividing his time between the mastery of the branches therein taught and the work of the home farm. Lessons of industry, economy and perseverance were early impressed upon his mind and have borne rich fruit in later years. About two years ago he came into possession of his present farm, which is a tract of land of eighty acres in Madison township, situated on the short road between the Salem and Free pike about three miles northeast of Trotwood. The farm lies on the west side of the road and is a well developed tract of land, Mr. Hyre having brought his fields under a high state of cultivation. He follows farming according to modern ideas, understanding the scientific as well as the practical side of the work, and upon his place is a nice home, together with commodious and substantial outbuildings that furnish ample shelter for grain and stock. His farm machinery, too, is modern and the work of the fields is greatly facilitated thereby. He produces the cereals best adapted to climatic conditions here and studies the nature of the soil that he may know what crops are best adapted thereto and when he may enrich the soil through the rotation of crops or the judicious use of fertilizers.

On the 4th of October, 1896, Mr. Hyre was united in marriage to Miss Susie A. Eichelberger, a daughter of Alexander and Hannah (Beeghly) Eichelberger. The father came to Ohio from Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was one of the leading farmers in his section of the county. He was a man of forceful character and marked individuality and his salient qualities were such as everywhere command respect. To Mr. and Mrs. Hyre were born six children: Emma

A., Edith B. and Orville C., all attending school; Sylvia H.; Jesse W.; and Russell A.

The family residence is a nice dwelling situated in the midst of a well kept farm which shows painstaking care on the part of the owner. Mr. Hyre is very practical in all of his work, seeming to realize with great readiness the value of any opportunity and to use it to the best advantage. He belongs to the German Baptist church and is one of its deacons. In the support of the church he contributes liberally and his worth is widely acknowledged, for all who know him trust him and no trust reposed in him has ever been betrayed in the slightest degree.

HARMAN H. ROGGE.

The German-American element in our citizenship has long been an important one. For centuries the Teutonic race through emigration has carried the seeds of civilization into new districts and other lands have profited by the learning, culture and business experience of the sons of the fatherland. Mr. Rogge proudly claims Germany as the land of his nativity and yet there is no citizen of Dayton more loyal to the interests and the institutions of this free country of ours. His work has been a substantial factor in the improvement and development of Dayton, especially in the field of building operations and in industrial lines, and he is now prominently before the public as president of the Zwick & Greenwald Wheel Company.

A native of Hanover, Germany, Mr. Rogge was born September 2, 1845, of the marriage of Harman and Angel (Mayrose) Rogge. The father, who followed the occupation of farming in support of himself and his family, is now deceased. The subject of this review was the second in a family of eight children and in his native land was afforded good educational privileges as a public-school student and also through the instruction of private tutors. He was eighteen years of age when he bade adieu to his friends in his native country preparatory to sailing for the new world in company with an uncle who was a citizen of Dayton and believed that the business opportunities on this side of the Atlantic were superior to those of the old world.

Harman Rogge was willing to take advantage of these chances for the betterment of his financial condition and when he arrived in Dayton he secured employment in the Blanchard & Brown Wheel Works, now owned and conducted by the S. N. Brown Company. He there remained for several years, winning promotion from time to time, after which he entered the service of the Barney & Smith Car Works. Fifteen years passed in the employ of others, after which he started in business on his own account, wishing that his labors might more directly benefit himself rather than that others should reap the profits of his industry and enterprise. From the beginning the new undertaking was successful and after continuing in the retail trade for a time he extended the scope of his activities by establishing a wholesale department which he also conducted for a few years. He has been connected with the Zwick & Greenwald Wheel Company since 1887, in which year he purchased stock in the enterprise, his labors

since that time constituting a force in the growth and expansion of the business. Its financial strength has increased several fold while the output has been greatly enlarged to meet the growing demands of the trade. For some years Mr. Rogge has been at the head as president and general manager and the wisdom of his judgment and his capable control are manifest in the growing success of the house. Aside from his operations in this connection he has been closely associated with building interests, having erected more than two score dwellings in Dayton and thus added to the substantial improvement of the city.

The pleasant home life of Mr. Rogge had its foundation in his marriage in 1872 to Miss Augusta Kropp, a native of Dayton and a daughter of Henry Kropp. Eleven children were born unto them, of whom eight survive. Mr. Rogge and his family are members of the German Lutheran church and for a long period he has served as one of the church trustees and as a member of the official board. To its support he contributes generously and in its different activities he is much interested. His political views are in accord with the principles of the democracy and his official service is limited to one term as a member of the city council, for he has ever preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs which, capably conducted, have brought him signal success. His record is an illustration of the fact that the circumstances of birth and education have little to do with molding a man's character or shaping his success.

GEORGE KELLEY.

George Kelley, a farmer of Harrison township, and the owner of twenty acres of excellent land on the Neff road, was born February 3, 1850, in Montgomery county, the son of Adam and Eliza (MacLean) Kelley. The father was the first of his family to leave his native land of Scotland. He came to Dayton, Ohio, where he was among the early settlers, for at the time of his advent there were but a very few houses where are now busy business blocks and streets bordered by comfortable homes. He was a distiller by trade and was accounted a good citizen, for he did his share in developing Dayton's resources and in promoting the change that has transpired from that day to this.

From the schools of this county George Kelley gleaned all that they could give in the way of knowledge, which served as the educational foundation upon which his subsequent life has been built. From his youth on all his efforts have been turned to bringing forth from the soil what it would give forth, and tempting it to ever richer production each year. He has been loyal to that piece of land which gave him his first start in life, for during twenty-eight years he has lived on what is known as the Kennedy farm. It was to this place that he brought his bride, Miss Jennie S. Stutze, the daughter of Joseph and Eliza (Dies) Stutze. This marriage was blessed with six children: Frank, who married Miss Emma Beason and is the father of a son Howard; Clara, now deceased, who was the wife of Morris Stout and the mother of four children, George, Francis, Everett and one who died in infancy; Effie, the wife of John Neff and the mother of two children, Jennie and Dorothy; Charles, who married Miss Blanche Pippinger

and has three children, Ora, Ruth and Richard; Roy, who married Miss Goldie Dyer; and Grafton, who lives at home.

On the 4th of October, 1904, Mr. Kelley was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Moeller, widow of Henry Moeller. In her maidenhood she was Miss Mary Nietert and is the daughter of Frederick and Sophia (Pansing) Nietert. Her father is a resident of Harrison township, where he was one of the early settlers, coming direct to this county from Germany, the land of his birth. His father, Henry Nietert, who in his youth had married Miss Mary Bornabal, followed his son Frederick to America and lived on the old Nietert farm until his death. By her first marriage Mrs. Kelley had seven children: Amanda, the wife of Oliver Dyer, and the mother of Dona, John H. and David R.; Ida, the wife of William Eickhoff, and the mother of Vanerva, Mabel, Mazella Montey, Gilbert, Lavetta, Bernice, Lorena and Sylvia; Leola, the wife of Walter Lindsley and the mother of one child, Evangeline; Dora, the wife of Jacob Heinz and the mother of one daughter, Treva; Ethel, the wife of Harry Schaffer, and the mother of Edward, Norma and Dorothy; Lily, deceased; Bess, who married Charles C. Brown and is the mother of a son, Melvin.

Mr. Kelley, with his family, belongs to the United Brethren church, and his life bears evidence of his adherence to its teachings. He also is actively identified with all its work, both social and otherwise. He is a man capable of a great deal of hard labor, and this capacity for work, united with sound judgment and good management, has won for him a large measure of success in the field of life he has chosen.

WILLIAM STROOP.

William Stroop, who is conducting an extensive and prosperous business as a dealer in leaf tobacco in Dayton, is numbered among the native sons of this state who, by reason of its pulsing industrial activities, have been drawn from the small towns to the city. His birth occurred in Springboro, Warren county, Ohio, May 17, 1861, and the period of his youth was passed upon the home farm, where he early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist, assisting in the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting until crops were harvested in the late autumn. During that period he also attended the country schools to the age of eighteen years, after which he left the old home and spent several years at Trebein Station in Greene county, Ohio, where he was engaged in distilling as general utility man for F. C. Trebein.

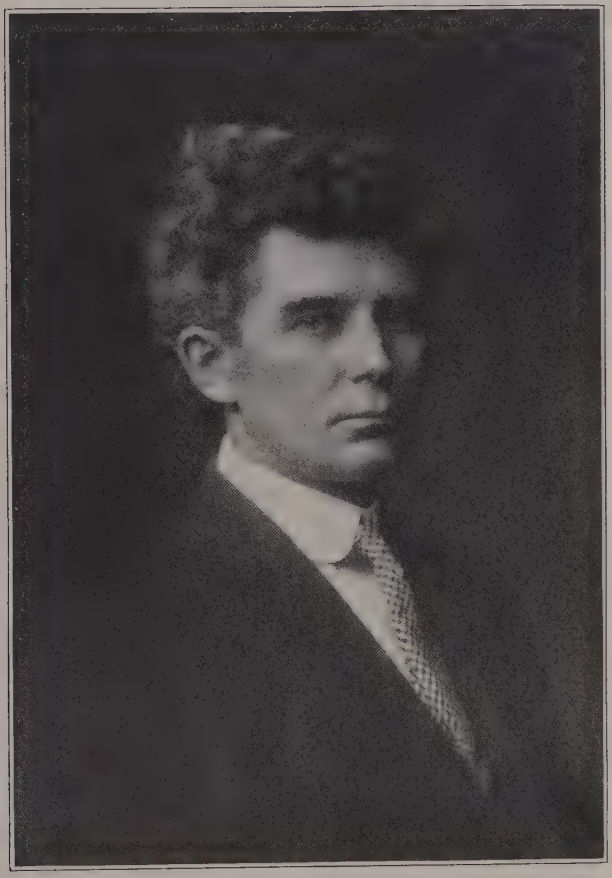
On leaving that service Mr. Stroop removed to Miamisburg, Montgomery county, Ohio, where he became engaged in the leaf tobacco business in partnership with John Weiser. This was in 1884 and the partnership continued until the death of Mr. Weiser in 1891. In that year Mr. Stroop removed to Dayton and continued the business already established in this city. He now handles a large amount of leaf tobacco each year, finding a ready sale for his product, and the business methods of the house have ever been of a most reliable character, winning for it an unsullied reputation.

In 1888 in Miamisburg, Mr. Stroop was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Gwinner, the youngest daughter of Frederick and Hannah Gwinner. Their union has been blessed with one son, F. G., now fourteen years of age and living with his parents on their fine farm, Grand View Hills, about five miles south of Dayton. This is a most attractive place, equipped with all of the comforts and conveniences of a model country home, its proximity to the city making the advantages of urban life easily attainable, while those of a rural existence are also enjoyed. Mr. Stroop is a member of the First Lutheran church.

JOHN B. McNABB.

John B. McNabb, one of the leading grocers of West Carrollton, Ohio, was born in Bureau county, Illinois, on the 27th day of May, 1872, and is the son of William M. and Hester (Motz) McNabb. His grandfather, Milton McNabb, whose wife was Miss Amanda Didie in her maidenhood, was of Scottish descent and his father, William McNabb, was the first of the family to settle in this country. William M. McNabb, father of our subject, was born in Greene county, Ohio, and when he was twenty-six years of age removed to Illinois, where he engaged in farming, which pursuit he followed for a number of years. He then engaged in coal mining, in which he was very successful, and later he took up threshing, in which business he was actively engaged at the time of his death, which occurred January 14, 1884. He was buried in Illinois. Our subject's mother, Mrs. Hester Rouse, is now living in West Carrollton and is enjoying good health. John B. is the second in order of birth in a family of four children, the others being: Harry J., a resident of West Carrollton; William E., of Hamilton, Ohio; and Charles T., of Miamisburg.

John B. McNabb was but twelve years of age when his father died. He received his early education in the public schools near his birth place, but he had more than school work to employ his time and mind, for after lessons were over for the day he was employed on odd jobs, and in the vacation periods he worked at whatever came his way. A capacity for hard work has ever been one of his characteristics and is the one thing which has made possible his success in the several occupations in which he has engaged. After completing his school course he went to work in a general store in his home town, remaining there for about two years, when he came to Ohio, at first on a visit, and later, in September, 1891, to stay. Upon locating here he went to work in the paper mills, where he continued for three years, and from this time dates his successful business career, for he worked diligently at the tasks assigned him, regarding his position merely as the first step on the ladder of advancement. So in fact it proved to be. He was promoted to clerk in the company's store and later was advanced to bookkeeper and cashier. This was but just recognition of his services, however, for he was ever diligent in promoting the interests of his employers. Besides being a hard worker, he was also a good manager and in the years that he was serving others saved enough to enable him to purchase some real estate in West Carrollton. This gave him his first financial start in life, when he sold it at a hand-



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some increase. Again he bought real estate and in less than a month he had made a profit of one hundred per cent. He then had the neat little sum of five hundred dollars with which to start in business for himself. During the summer of 1899 he worked for a wholesale house in Dayton, and on the 16th of October, that year, he opened his present store. There was no partner to share the responsibility and none was needed to put the business on a paying basis and bring success to the venture.

On the 19th of June, 1895, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. McNabb and Miss Lucy M. Butler, a daughter of Robert and Ida (Barber) Butler. Her father was a papermaker but is now living a life of retirement in West Carrollton. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. McNabb: Zola M., Olive V., John B., Jr., and Robert Milton. The two eldest are in school.

Mr. McNabb is a Mason and is also a member of the board of education which he served for some years as clerk. He is a man of considerable public spirit, which has been appreciated by the citizens of West Carrollton, who chose him for their clerk, a position which he has filled to their entire satisfaction for the space of three years. By both his life and the success he has achieved Mr. McNabb is an example to many another starting in the business world. He has known the full value of hard work and has made the most of any opportunity that presented itself.

EDWIN CRAWFORD BAIRD.

Edwin Crawford Baird, civil engineer and contractor of Dayton, his native city, was born on the 28th of May, 1856, and represents an old Pennsylvania family. His grandfather, Daniel Baird, was a native of Somerset, Pennsylvania, and the birth of his father, Josiah Baird, there occurred in 1831. The latter spent his boyhood and youth in the place of his nativity and on attaining his majority came to Dayton, in 1852. In this city he was married in 1854 to Miss Catharine Crawford, a daughter of Archibald Crawford, and they became the parents of a son and daughter, the latter being Anna Belle, who is with her mother, a resident of this city. The father was for many years a well known merchant here, conducting a growing and profitable business until 1894, when he retired to private life. He died July 14, 1909.

Under the parental roof Edwin C. Baird spent his youthful days, the public schools affording him his educational privileges until he had mastered the branches constituting their curriculum. Following his graduation from the Central high school in 1874, he went east to school, attending Union College, Schenectady, New York. There he made a special study of civil engineering and on putting aside his text-books entered upon the active practice of his profession in connection with the construction of railroads in the middle west. Some time later he located in Dayton and was elected city engineer here in 1875 and continued to act in that capacity, or as assistant engineer, until 1901, when he was elected county engineer of Montgomery county, filling the office for six years. In May, 1908, he was appointed assistant state engineer in charge of the improvements of the Miami & Erie canal.

In 1885 Mr. Baird was married, in Tecumseh, Michigan, to Miss Mary L. Wood, and although they have no children of their own they are rearing an adopted son, Robert Edwin Baird. Mr. Baird belongs to the Bicycle Club and to several fraternal organizations, including all the Masonic bodies, Heptasophs, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Knights of Pythias. He belongs to the First Lutheran church, and in politics is a republican. He has been called to several offices in the line of his profession, the duties of which he has discharged with promptness and fidelity, commending him to the confidence and winning for him the approval of all who have been witnesses of his official career.

JOSEPH M. RATLIFF, M. D.

Dr. Joseph M. Ratliff, proprietor of one of the best equipped sanitariums of Dayton, in which connection he is doing excellent work as a progressive representative of the medical fraternity, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1848. His youthful days were unmarked by any event of particular importance, being largely devoted to the attainment of a public-school education and the enjoyment of such pleasures as the youths of the period found attractive.

Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he pursued a course in the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery until he was graduated in 1878, after which he located for general practice in his native city, there remaining for six months. At the end of that time he went to Long View Asylum as its physician and continued there for fourteen years, his experience and practice bringing him comprehensive knowledge of mental and nervous diseases. In 1894 he came to Dayton and for nearly eight years was superintendent of the state hospital for the insane. His work here was of a most valuable character and when he resigned from that position he established the sanitarium which he has owned and conducted since 1902. It is most thoroughly equipped along the lines of modern science and his ability is enabling him to do excellent work for his patients in the restoration of health.

About the sanitarium buildings and grounds there is nothing to suggest the idea of an institution or insane asylum, so objectionable to persons suffering with nervous and mental diseases, but the entire place has a home-like appearance. The main buildings and grounds for many years formed the home of William P. Huffman on Huffman Hill. The grounds include about ten acres of beautiful lawn and wood land, formed of magnificent old forest trees, in the center of which is the main building. This is an elegantly constructed residence of twenty rooms, which with a few changes and alterations has become well adapted for sanitarium purposes. The bed rooms are large, bright and airy, and the numerous parlors and rest rooms are cheerful and attractive. In the furnishing of the rooms the home idea has been carried out. While there is every advantage and convenience of a hospital, there is the comfort, and cheer, and quiet of a home, so necessary to persons with diseased nerves and brains. Throughout the building are numerous bath and toilet rooms. The house is heated with steam. The

kitchen is equipped to prepare the foods needed by the different classes of patients and the cuisine is excellent.

Dr. Ratliff belongs to the Ohio State Medical Society, the Montgomery County Medical Society and the American Medical Psychological Association. His membership relations in fraternal lines include Scottish Rite Masonry and the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Grand Army of the Republic, being entitled to membership therein by reason of his service as a private in the One Hundred and Fifty-second Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which he joined in May, 1864, continuing at the front for four months, during which time the regiment was on duty in Virginia and West Virginia. He took part in several skirmishes and was also for a time in Maryland. He was only fifteen years of age when he joined the army, few men of his years having an active military record to their credit.

In 1871 Dr. Ratliff was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Miss Mary E. Asbury and they have three living children, as follows: Raymond, a practicing attorney of Cincinnati, Ohio; Joseph M., Jr., a resident of New York city; and Thomas Asbury Ratliff, who was graduated from the academic department of the University of Pennsylvania and is now in the medical department of the same school.

Such in brief is the history of one who, concentrating his energies along a special line of practice, has won superior skill and ability, which he is using for the benefit of his fellowmen as well as for individual success. The love of scientific research and a broad humanitarian spirit are both elements in his capable service as a medical practitioner.

JOHN P. BREEN.

In the life of John P. Breen subjective and objective forces are well balanced, enabling him to correctly judge of his own capacities and powers and at the same time to place a just valuation upon advantages and opportunities. As the years have passed he has achieved well merited and gratifying success, placing him in a prominent position among the business men of Dayton.

He was born in Xenia, Ohio, April 21, 1860, and there resided to the age of twenty-two years, in the meantime attending the public schools. In 1882 he went to Morrow, Ohio, where for two years he occupied a position as manager in the depot restaurant. Subsequently he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, for the Ohmer Brothers, whom he represented in the Columbus, Hocking & Dayton and the Pennsylvania depot restaurant as manager. In 1888 he came to Dayton, where he took charge of the Union depot restaurant as manager for the Ohmer Brothers, continuing in control for them for several years, after which he purchased the business. His long experience in this line well qualified him for the work and brought him thorough understanding of the needs of the restaurant business in this connection.

In 1897 Mr. Breen was appointed receiver of the Phillips House and so acted for two years, since which time he has been manager of that hostelry. From

time to time he has extended the scope of his activities until he is now controlling an extensive business, which includes the conduct of the depot restaurants at Chattanooga, Tennessee; Lexington, Kentucky; Marion, Ohio, and Dayton, Ohio. He is widely recognized as a man of keen business discernment, readily determining that which is essential as a factor in successful management and discarding all that is of little value. The recognition of his ability has led to his cooperation being sought in other connections, and he is now a director of the Dayton Savings & Trust Company and of the Dayton Street Railway Company. He is likewise a director in the Dayton Reduction Company and in the Dayton Lighting Company, all of which corporations have benefited by the impetus received from his indefatigable energy and intelligently directed activity.

In January, 1886, Mr. Breen was married in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Catharine A. Beckman, and they have three children: John, Mary Louise and Edward Grimes. In his social relations Mr. Breen is connected with the Bicycle Club and he belongs to Sacred Heart chapel. In matters of citizenship he is public-spirited and yet has had little time to cooperate in matters of public moment, owing to the extent and importance of his business affairs, which have constantly increased in volume. Moreover, in all of his business connections he manifests the spirit of modern progress, meeting the demands of the public for attractive and pleasing service, and in the control of hotel and restaurant interests he, moreover, displayed much of the spirit of the pioneer in inaugurating new methods.

OLIVER J. SMITH.

A farm of one hundred and thirty-five acres in Madison township yields a substantial annual revenue to Oliver J. Smith in reward for the care and labor which he bestows on the fields as the years pass by. This place is pleasantly and conveniently located about six miles north of Dayton, so that the advantages of the city are easily obtainable. Mr. Smith was born September 23, 1861, in the county which is still his home, his father being the Rev. John Smith, a resident of Trotwood. The paternal grandfather, Abraham Smith, came from Pennsylvania only a few years after the admission of Ohio into the Union and about 1810 settled on what is now the old Smith homestead where his grandson, Oliver J. Smith, now resides. There he faced all the hardships, privations and dangers of pioneer life at a time when Indians still lived in the state and when the forests were frequented by various wild animals and much wild game. In many portions of the state there were no roads, only the light Indian trails, but one by one the early settlers came and reclaimed the region for the purpose of civilization. Abraham Smith bore his full share in the work of general progress and became a well known and prominent farmer.

His son, Rev. John Smith, was for many years active in the ministry of the Dunkard church. He is now one of the oldest native residents of the county, his birth having occurred on the farm which is occupied by his son Andrew W. In all of his business affairs he displayed keen judgment and careful management and became one of the largest landowners in the county. While he is now

practically retired from business life, he is still active in the work of the church at the age of eighty-two years and yet preaches to some extent in different churches in this part of the county. His influence has long been a strong and potent element for good for he has spoken many words of truth and wisdom which have sunk deep in the hearts of his hearers and in time have brought forth the fruits of righteousness. He married Susan Wolfe, who shared with him in his interest in the church and did all in her power to assist him in its upbuilding.

In his youthful days Oliver J. Smith was sent to the district schools and when not busy with his text-books his time was occupied with the work of the fields. He has been very successful in farming, which he chose as a life work, and his persistent labor finds its manifestation in well tilled fields and bountiful harvests. His place comprises one hundred and thirty-five acres of fine farm land on the Dayton and Salem pike about six miles north of the courthouse in Dayton and bordering the main road and also the Dayton & Northern Traction line. His residence has been recently erected and is built in modern style of architecture, containing all the conveniences and improvements of the present age. There is a large barn upon the place and also substantial outbuildings so that his stock is well housed and his grain kept from the inclement weather. His residence sets some distance back from the roadway and is surrounded by a well kept lawn adorned by many fine trees. It is one of the pleasing features of the landscape and the entire place is pervaded by an air of neatness and thrift.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Smith was married May 23, 1886, to Miss Amelia Cart, a daughter of Philip and Elizabeth (Bosore) Cart. The father was a farmer by occupation and came to this part of the country from New York. He was a son of Philip and Louise (Kuntz) Cart, who were natives of Germany and became the founders of the family in the new world. The grandmother became a resident of this county and died in Madison township. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Smith was blessed with seven children. Roger C., who was born June 7, 1888, has engaged in teaching but is now further pursuing his own education in Oxford, Ohio. Mabel S., born September 25, 1889, is at home. Homer C., born November 19, 1891, assists in the operation of the farm. Carrie I., born September 25, 1893, is attending high school. Walter W., born January 3, 1895, is a pupil in school. Florence M., born October 24, 1896, is pursuing her education. Grace E., born April 29, 1904, completes the family. The parents and children belong to the German Baptist church and take a most helpful interest in all of its activities. They are people of genuine personal worth, occupying an enviable position in the social circles in which they move, while the hospitality of the best homes of the township is freely accorded them.

GILBERT P. BURROWS.

Gilbert P. Burrows is manager of the National Theater of Dayton and throughout his business career has been connected with this field of activity. He was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 12th of October, 1868, and in 1870 was brought by his parents to Ohio, the family home being established in Cin-

cinnati, where he attended the public schools. In 1883 he put aside his text-books and began providing for his own maintenance by entering business life as assistant treasurer in the employ of John H. Havlin, owner of the Havlin Theater of Cincinnati. For five years he there remained, on the expiration of which period he removed to Dayton and was made manager of the old Park Theater, his previous experience having brought him broad knowledge concerning theatrical management. In 1904 he took his present position as manager of the National Theater and has made this an attractive play house, giving to the public a class of plays that win a large following. He is a man of excellent business ability, keen discernment and undaunted enterprise, who closely studies the popular taste and brings to the National such productions as are desired by the theater-going public.

In 1887 in Covington, Kentucky, Mr. Burrows was married to Miss Nellie Thomas, a granddaughter of Charles Thomas, the noted philanthropist of Cincinnati, whose generosity made possible the work of various charitable and benevolent institutions. Mr. and Mrs. Burrows have two sons, Harry Gilbert and Dickson Talbott.

In his fraternal relations, Mr. Burrows is well known, for he belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic order, in which he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He votes with the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day, but has never been an active partisan in the sense of office seeking for his time and attention are fully occupied with his business duties. He is a man of social, genial nature, popular with a host of warm friends.

GEORGE W. MILLER, M. D.

Dr. George W. Miller, practicing medicine with ability that has brought him prominently into public notice, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, March 18, 1870, his parents being Charles H. and Hannah C. (Combs) Miller, representatives of old families of Cincinnati. The former was a son of George C. Miller, who established his home in Cincinnati when it contained only about three thousand population. He had previously been a resident of New Jersey and came of Revolutionary stock. He established the first carriage factory west of the Allegheny mountains and his output included the first iron-tired buggy manufactured in this section of the country, the tires being forged by hand from scraps of iron. On his retirement from business at an advanced age he was succeeded by his two sons. His labors, however, were an indispensable factor in the early growth and progress of the city. He not only contributed to its industrial development but was also one of the founders of the Commercial Bank of Cincinnati and as one of the founders of the Seventh Presbyterian church was a factor in moral advancement there. His son, Charles H. Miller, father of Dr. Miller, was for some time engaged in the manufacture of plows and carriages in Cincinnati, so that the

DR. GEORGE W. MILLER

family was long associated with industrial life. He was the father of five children.

Pursuing his education in the public schools, Dr. Miller eventually became a high school student and thus completed his literary course. Later he pursued a commercial course and in 1887 entered Pulte Medical College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1891. Dr. Miller began practice in Cincinnati and a year later was called to the chair of anatomy in Pulte Medical College, being thus identified with educational interests for two years. He has practiced continuously in Dayton since 1893, in which year he became a partner of Dr. Joseph E. Lowes. His practice has constantly increased, for he has given proof of his ability to cope with intricate problems of the profession. He is now a member of the Miami Valley Homeopathic Medical Society, the Montgomery County Homeopathic Medical Society and the Ohio State Homeopathic Medical Society.

In November, 1897, Dr. Miller was joined in wedlock, in Boston, Massachusetts, to Miss Jennie D. Tuttle, a daughter of Lucius Tuttle, president of the Boston & Maine and the Maine Central Railroads. They have two children, Mary and Ruth. In his political views Dr. Miller is a republican but not an active worker in the party ranks. He belongs to the Dayton Bicycle Club and is a member of the First Presbyterian church, in the work of which he is helpfully interested. He is also a representative of the Masonic Lodge, the Knights of Pythias and of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and is a most genial gentleman, whose good will is manifest in deference for the opinions of others, kindliness and unfailing courtesy.

JOHN BAPTISTE FORSTER.

John Baptiste Forster, successfully conducting business interests as senior partner of the firm of Forster, Hegman & Company, is now engaged in dealing in carpets with an extensive and growing trade. Dayton classes him with her representative business men and he is also numbered among those who have sought the opportunities of America, realizing that success in business is more rapidly achieved in the new world than in the old. He therefore came to the United States on attaining his majority.

Mr. Forster was born in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, in 1845, and in 1866 sailed across the Atlantic, for the reports which reached him concerning the new world were most favorable. He did not tarry on the eastern coast but made his way at once into the interior of the country, settling first at Germantown, Montgomery county. There he attended school for six months that he might acquaint himself with the English language and also learn something of the customs and manners of the people among whom he had now cast his lot. He attended St. Mary's Institute during the summer and fall of 1866. He secured a clerkship in a dry goods store in Miamisburg, where he remained for two years. He then came with his employer, David E. Bauers, to Dayton, in 1869, and remained in the service of Mr. Bauers until the latter's death in 1882. He

then formed a partnership with Mrs. Bauers and her son Charles E. under the firm style of Bauers, Forster & Company, which relation was maintained for eleven years, or until 1893, when the store was destroyed by fire.

Mr. Forster did not allow himself to become discouraged over this, but with resolute spirit again entered mercantile circles, opening a carpet house, which he conducted alone for eighteen months. He then removed to larger quarters and organized the present firm of Forster, Hegman & Company. They today have a very extensive line of furniture, carpets, rugs and floor coverings, keeping the newest and latest designs and some of the best made goods that the market produces. They also carry a line of more moderate priced goods, so that they are able to satisfy the wants of all classes of patrons. From the beginning the trade has steadily grown and the house has come to be known as a most reliable one, its business policy commending it to the continued support of all.

In 1870 Mr. Forster was married, in Dayton, to Miss Elizabeth Wilhelm and unto them have been born four children: Flora N., now the wife of Frank A. Hahne; Walter C.; Marie Jeanette; and Charles Richard. The last named was born in 1876, became a member of the firm of which his father is senior partner, and departed this life in 1903. He was a man of much business promise and his loss was deeply regretted by many friends.

Mr. Forster belongs to the Knights of Columbus and to the Catholic church. He has never held office for political preferment has no attraction for him. He is, however, loyal in his citizenship, manifesting fidelity to the best interests of the country equal to that of any of our native sons. He found here the opportunities which he sought and through their utilization has made steady advancement, reaching a prominent position in commercial circles, his enterprise being evidenced in the success which he has achieved.

FREDERICK WEIS.

Frederick Weis, formerly connected with commercial interests but long associated with the public service, is now a member of the Soldiers' Relief Commission of Dayton. His birth occurred in Bavaria, Germany, March 14, 1841, and in 1844 he was brought to America by his parents, who at once came to Dayton, so that he was reared and educated in this city, pursuing his studies in the public schools. He passed through the consecutive grades until he reached the age of fifteen years, when he began learning the more difficult lessons in the school of experience.

Starting out in the business world he was employed by the firm of Rogers & Fowler, manufacturers of saddle trees, with whom he continued for three years. He then entered a planing mill, where remained until he joined the army. He had watched with interest the progress of events in the south, noted the threatening attitude of the people of that district and carefully considering the question came to the conclusion that it was unconstitutional to attempt to secede. Accordingly he determined to stand firmly by the Union in case war was inaugurated and hardly had the smoke from Fort Sumter's guns cleared away when, on the

16th of April, 1861, he offered his services in a military capacity, joining the Dayton Light Guards, which became Company C of the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The first troops were mustered in for a three months term and on its expiration Mr. Weis was honorably discharged, August 17, 1861, and was mustered out at Columbus. His regiment, however, volunteered to stay in service for the battle of Bull Run, recognizing the fact that an engagement was imminent. On the 16th of September, of the same year, Mr. Weis reenlisted, joining Company B of the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry as a corporal. He remained with that command until August 17, 1864, when he was mustered out at Chattanooga, Tennessee, as duty sergeant. During his long service in the south he participated in many important engagements, including the battle of Vienna, Virginia, Bull Run, Shiloh, the siege of Corinth, the retreat to Louisville, and the battle of Frankfort. Then came the fight with Kirby Smith, at Chaplain Hill, Kentucky, and the engagements at Perryville, Murfreesboro, Liberty Gap and Tullahoma, Tennessee. Later he participated in the two days' battle at Chickamauga and was also at Missionary Ridge. He afterward went to the relief of Burnside. His first fight was at Dandridge, Tennessee, after which the troops went into camp for the winter at Clinch Mountain. In the following spring the Atlanta campaign was inaugurated, beginning with the engagement at Rocky Face Ridge and on down to Peach Tree creek, where another battle occurred. As the term of enlistment of the First Ohio had then expired the command was mustered out at Chattanooga, Tennessee. Although in many hotly contested engagements, Mr. Weis was never wounded nor captured. His service, however, was arduous and included many long and difficult marches.

After being mustered out of the army Mr. Weis returned to Dayton and entered the planing mill of Baird & Brothers. Here he continued until 1869 and then went on the road for J. V. Nauerth & Son, being thus employed for seven years. At the end of that time be became connected with George W. Kneisley & Company, wholesale grocers, whom he represented as a traveling salesman for seven years. At the end of that time he was called to public office through his appointment as chief deputy county clerk, by O. B. Brown, county clerk, in which capacity he remained for three years. In 1884 he was elected sheriff of Montgomery county and served for one term. In 1892 he was appointed gauger in the revenue service and filled the office for a year, after which he was appointed deputy in the revenue service, being connected with the Fifth Division. He remained in that position to the end of Harrison's administration, in 1894, and since that time he has been a member of the Soldiers' Relief Commission. His public service has at all times been characterized by the utmost unfaltering devotion to the public good, his record at all times being commendable.

Mr. Weis has been married twice. In June, 1865, in Dayton, he wedded Henrietta Walters, who died January 16, 1894, leaving two children: Ida K., the wife of George Gerdes; and Edward R. Having lost his first wife, Mr. Weis was married again December 16, 1895, in Dayton, his second union being with Mrs. Mattie Knauss, nee Wike. Mr. Weis belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to Humboldt Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He is also connected with the Blackstone Tribe of the Improved Order of Red Men and with St. John's lodge and Unity chapter of the Masonic fraternity. He maintains pleasant re-

lations with his old army comrades through his membership in the Old Guard Post, G. A R. In politics he has ever been a republican, standing by the party which was the defense of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war and has always been the party of reform and progress. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in St. John's German Lutheran church.

EZRA F. KIMMEL.

Ezra F. Kimmel, an operator in the field of real estate, being senior partner in the firm of Kimmel & Freehofer, made his entrance into life's activities in Dayton, October 20, 1863, and has always remained a resident of his native city. His father, Christian Kimmel, had located here upon his arrival from Germany in 1846 and for almost a half century continued his residence in Dayton, but met death in a railroad wreck in September, 1893, while returning from the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. He had for thirty-five years occupied the position of superintendent of the machine shops of the Buckeye Iron & Brass Works. It was after his arrival in the new world that he married a daughter of Jacob Ecki and his widow still resides in Dayton. She had accompanied her husband to Chicago and in the wreck sustained severe injuries but escaped with her life. Their family numbered six children, five of whom survive and are residents of Dayton: William H., who is secretary of the Mutual Home & Savings Association; Mrs. Louise Bard, the wife of O. J. Bard, attorney at law; Anna, the wife of A. O. Freehofer; Gustave B., a minister in the Evangelical church, now located in Indianapolis; and Ezra F.

At the usual age Ezra F. Kimmel entered the public schools and when he put aside his text-books he had completed high school, having been graduated with the class of 1879. The following year saw him an active factor in business circles for in May, 1880, he became bookkeeper for R. C. Anderson, a manufacturer of plows, and he thus served for four years. In March, 1884, he entered the office of the Mutual Home & Savings Association and again acted as bookkeeper for four years, while for three and half years he was its auditor. On the 15th of July, 1891, he organized the John Dodds Manufacturing Company of which he became vice president and superintendent, remaining thus in active control of the business until December 1, 1896, when he accepted the management of the affairs of the National Improvement Company and also became agent for E. J. Barney. When he severed active relations with the Mutual Home & Savings Association he was made a member of its directorate and also of its financial committee. He has always been appreciative of opportunities and has improved them to good advantage. He aided in organizing the Walker Lithographic & Printing Company of which he was a director until the latter part of 1895, when he sold his interest in the business. In 1896 he joined Mr. Freehofer in organizing the real estate firm of Kimmel & Freehofer and is now giving his energies to this business with the result that he is today well informed concerning realty values in the city and has many clients who appreciate his comprehensive knowledge which is turned to account in their service. He continues as secretary and man-

ager of the Arcade Company, is a director of the Mutual Home & Savings Association, is president of the Dayton Clark Land Company and treasurer of the Miami Valley Hospital. He quickly notes the possibilities of success and utilizes his opportunities in a manner that makes them resultant factors in attaining the goal of prosperity.

In November, 1885, Mr. Kimmel was married to Miss Ida M. Steffey, a daughter of the Rev. M. W. Steffey, a minister of the Evangelical Association, at one time pastor of a church of this denomination in Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Kimmel have a daughter and son, Florence M. and Russell Ezra. The parents hold membership in the Wayne Avenue Evangelical Association and Mr. Kimmel is also vice president of the Young Men's Christian Association. He is also in hearty sympathy with the beneficient spirit of Masonry and has attained high rank in the order, having became a Knight Templar of the Commandery and a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in the Consistory. He is also a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. His friends are true and loyal to him because he displays the same qualities and, as Emerson says: "The way to win a friend is to be one." There are no exciting chapters in his life work but it is a history of a man who in the workaday world knows that chances for success are before every individual and that within one's own self lies the power to utilize or to reject these, the one course leading to continuous advancement and the other to failure. In all things he has wisely chosen the better part and in his career he has not only won success but what is more, an honorable success.

ALLAN O. FREEHAFER.

Allan O. Freehafer, junior partner in the firm of Kimmel & Freehafer, is well known in real estate circles in Dayton. He was born in South Bend, Indiana, in 1870 and spent his youthful days there to the age of fourteen years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal westward to Nebraska and several years were passed on the plains of that great prairie state. He afterward went to Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1886 and continued his residence in the capital until 1893, when he came to Dayton, here completing his education as a student in the Miami University.

On leaving that institution Mr. Freehafer became bookkeeper for the John Dodds Manufacturing Company, with which he remained for two years, when he entered into partnership with his brother-in-law, E. F. Kimmel, in the establishment of a rental agency, while later they became real estate agents as well. They now have a large clientage in this connection, having control of much valuable property, and they have negotiated many important realty transfers. Mr. Freehafer and his partner were also the proprietors of the Universal Credit Rating Company of Dayton, of which Mr. Kimmel is now president and Mr. Freehafer, vice president. They are likewise the partners in the French Dry Cleaning Company, incorporated, and hold the same relative official position in connection therewith. Their varied interests are capably managed and the careful conduct of their affairs has brought them to a prominent position as strong

and forceful business men of the city, their achievements in various lines being crowned with creditable and gratifying prosperity.

In 1895 Mr. Freehafer was married in Dayton to Miss Anna M. Kimmel, a daughter of Christian Kimmel, now deceased. They have two children, Sarah Kimmel and Charles Arthur. Mr. Freehafer belongs to the Royal Arcanum and to the Young Men's Christian Association, taking an active and helpful interest in the latter, for he regards it one of the potent elements for good as an agent in promoting the physical, intellectual and moral progress of the youth of the city. He is also a member of the Wayne Avenue Evangelical church. His political endorsement is given to the republican party and, unlike many successful business men, he does not regard politics as something with which he has no concern. On the contrary he recognizes the duties and obligations of citizenship and in 1902 accepted the position of member of the school board from the ninth ward, serving for three years. His influence is always given on the side of progress in municipal affairs and he labors earnestly for those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

REV. HENRY HARNESS FOUT.

Rev. Henry Harness Fout, editor-in-chief of the Sunday-school literature of the United Brethren church of the United States, with headquarters in Dayton, was born on a farm in Grant county, West Virginia, October 18, 1861. His youthful days were passed there, his experiences being those that come to most farm boys. The country schools afforded him his primary education and with ambition to make further intellectual progress, in 1882 he went to Shenandoah, Virginia, and entered the Shenandoah Collegiate Institute, a college under the auspices of the United Brethren church. On the completion of the regular course he was graduated with the class of 1886. He next entered the Union Biblical Seminary, now known as the Bonebrake Theological Seminary, at Dayton, completing his course there in 1890. In 1897 the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the American Temperance University of Tennessee. Following his graduation from the biblical seminary in Dayton he was called to the pastorate of the Oak Street United Brethren church, where he remained from 1891 until 1899, and during his connection therewith its new house of worship was erected. In 1899 he was made presiding elder of the Miami conference and so acted for two years or until 1901, after which he traveled abroad, spending five months in Egypt and the Holy Land, familiarizing himself with the places where occurred the important scenes that are mentioned in Holy writ. In the same year he was chosen to fill his present position as editor-in-chief of Sunday-school literature and has charge of such publications, in which connection his service has been of the utmost value and benefit. He has now acted in this capacity for eight years, his work being entirely satisfactory to his colleagues in the publication of the literature of the church.

Dr. Fout was married in Dayton in 1900 to Miss Adah Catherine Pierson, a daughter of Christopher H. Pierson of Dayton, and they have one daughter,

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Lois Virginia. Mr. Fout is an honorary member of the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He has been indentified with the religious, social and educational work of the city. His life has been given almost entirely to the upbuilding of the church and its kindred interests and with zealous spirit he devotes his attention to his work as editor-in-chief of Sunday-school literature, knowing how important is the training of a young mind in preparation for the responsibilities of life. He is a man of scholarly attainment, broad and charitable in his views, recognizing the opportunities for good in his present connection and with zealous interest using his chance to plant the seeds of truth in good soil.

Dr. Fout is known in the literary field beyond the bounds of the Sunday-school papers and periodicals which he edits. After returning from Palestine a book was published of which he is the author, dealing with the experiences and observations of the journey. The chapters are prepared after the manner of a Biblical student whose knowledge has been supplemented by close personal observation in travel.

Dr. Fout is a joint editor with Bishop W. M. Weekley of a United home mission book entitled, "Our Heroes," which brings to light many unpublished incidents in the lives of the advance guard of the church they represent. This is the first denominational mission-study book ever projected or issued by any church, and has had a great sale.

The general church interests always have had a loyal friend in Doctor Fout, and he has been given a directing voice in Sunday-school, home-mission and evangelistic matters. Besides being on the committees and governing boards, his work in the field has been in demand and of especial value in furthering these interests. His influence in the denomination at large is exceeded by that of few men in his church. This is evidenced by the many calls to officiate at church dedications and reopenings to which response is made as the work in the office permits. He is a frequent and forceful speaker at ministerial institutes, young people's conventions, and annual conference gatherings. On the general conference floor his counsel is safe, and his views on that account find ready acceptance. Strong in debate, clear in presentation of ideas, earnest in manner and conscientious in purpose, he is one of the leaders in the highest legislative body of his church.

GUSTAVE A. HODAPP.

Gustave A. Hodapp, president of the Permanent Building & Savings Association and also well known as a contractor and builder of Dayton, was born in Harshmanville, this county, on the 12th of July, 1866. Only the first six years of his life, however, were there passed, for in 1872 his parents removed to Lairema, Shelby county, Ohio, where Gustave A. Hodapp remained for fourteen years, or until 1886, and in that time acquired his education in the public schools. He put aside his text-books, however, at the age of sixteen years and started out to earn his own livelihood, working for three years on a farm in Shelby county.

In 1886 Mr. Hodapp came to Dayton and began learning the carpenter's trade, serving a full term of apprenticeship, during which time he became an ex-

pert workman. He was employed by others until 1890, when he began contracting on his own account and has since conducted a profitable and prosperous business in this line, his patronage reaching large proportions. As he has given proof of his ability his contracts have become of a more important character and his work is seen in some of the most substantial structures of this city. He has also improved his opportunities for investment in real estate and has been very successful in dealing in property which he has profitably handled, adding materially to his income in this manner. He also became connected with the Permanent Building & Savings Association and in 1907 was elected its president.

Mr. Hodapp was married in Dayton in 1892 to Miss Louisa M. Lang, and they had six children, Clarence G., Louisa K., Lauretta E., Albert A., Dorothy I., and Rosella M. In his fraternal relations Mr. Hodapp is connected with the Elks and he also has other social connections, belonging to the Gun Club, of which he is now president, and to several German clubs. A Catholic in religious faith, he has his membership in St. Mary's church and was a member of the building committee at the time of the erection of its house of worship, which is the finest in the city. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he is interested in its success, although he has never desired office as a reward for party fealty. He has always preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs and his capable direction of his interests has carried him into important trade and financial relations. However, on the 16th of July, 1909, he was appointed a member of the city council to fill a vacancy in the eighth ward.

DANIEL COFFMAN.

Daniel Coffman, owning and operating a valuable tract of land of forty-five acres on the Lexington road just at the edge of Stillwater Junction, in Madison township, was born near Salem, Ohio, in Montgomery county, on the 24th of July, 1855. His parents were Frederick and Mary (Hyer) Coffman and the paternal grandparents were Daniel and Mary (Stauffer) Coffman. Daniel Coffman came here from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and cleared the land now comprised within the boundaries of the old Coffman farm. Frederick Coffman, the father of our subject, was born and reared on this farm and followed agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career. Unto him and his wife were born five children, namely: Daniel, of this review; Sarah; Allen; Benjamin, who is deceased; and Martha.

Daniel Coffman attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education and early in life came to Madison township. In his youthful days his time was divided between the duties of the schoolroom and the labor of the fields, so that he early became familiar with the occupation which he chose as a life work. As the years have gone by he has carefully and successfully conducted his agricultural interests, the fields annually yielding golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

On the 5th of December, 1883, Mr. Coffman was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Hickman, a daughter of David and Hannah (Brumbaugh) Hickman

and a representative of a very old and well known family of Montgomery county. They have no children of their own but reared a child, Stella Miltenberger, daughter of George and Emma Alice (Stump) Miltenberger, of this county. In early womanhood Miss Miltenberger gave her hand in marriage to Vernon Beeghly.

Mr. Coffman belongs to the conservative branch of the Dunkard church, of which he is a very active member, having several times served as a trustee. He has always lived in the county which is yet his place of residence and his life record has been honorable and upright, winning him the respect of his fellowmen and gaining for him a measure of prosperity that now classes him with the substantial farmers of his community.

EDWARD FEY.

Edward Fey, who for more than a quarter of a century has been a gardener of Harrison township, Montgomery county, Ohio, owns thirteen acres of excellent land about three miles from Dayton, in a northerly direction. Berries of many kinds have been his principal produce, and he has devoted the larger part of thirty-two years to learning the esoteric secrets of growing the best of their kind. He was born in Shelby county, Ohio, May 1, 1851, the son of Henry and Margaret (Dinehart) Fey. The father was the first of his family to come to this country, for the grandfather, who like his son bore the name of Henry Fey, could never be induced to leave his native Germany, where he had been very successful as a miller and was accounted a man of considerable means. Henry Fey, Jr., was a tailor by trade, but upon coming to Shelby county, bought forty acres of land and turned his attention to agriculture. By hard work and good management he was able to add to his property from time to time until he had a tract of more than one hundred acres. This farm he sold on the presentation of a good offer and removed to Maryland, where he lived a retired life until his death.

Edward Fey received from the public schools of Shelby county his first formal preparation for life, and in the schools of this county completed his education. During all this period of training he had been learning the secrets of the cultivation of the soil, for work on the farm was never intermitted for the demands of school, but it and the lessons had to be mutually adjustable and both had to be accomplished. He had gained some skill and success in his life's occupation when he persuaded a woman to share his endeavors with him, and in 1873 he married Miss Mary Uhrig, the daughter of Peter and Margaret Uhrig. The couple have been blessed with four children and several grandchildren. Margaret, who is the oldest of the family, is the wife of George Zimbrun and the mother of two children, Wilbur and Miriam M. Perry O., the second child, is a painter by trade and lives at home. Two daughters, Nettie May and Flora B., follow. Nettie is living at home and is a young woman of many attainments, for after graduating from the Harrison township schools she took some courses at Oxford, Ohio, including normal work, and spent last winter in study at Den-

ison University. She has many friends in Dayton and is frequently a member of social gatherings in that city. Flora is also a graduate of the Harrison township schools and has received besides a diploma for work done at Miami Commercial College. The family are all members of the Lutheran church and are active in its work of whatever kind.

Mr. Fey's long residence in this county and his success in his chosen branch of farming make him a man well known in this vicinity. He is a man, too, highly esteemed among those who know him at all intimately, for besides the qualities of character that have brought him his success in his line of work he possesses those equally valuable qualities that attract to him warm friends and enable him to retain their esteem.

FREDERICK W. BERK.

Frederick W. Berk belonged to that class of foreign-born citizens who have found in the freedom and appreciation of this great and growing western country the opportunities for advancement which they sought. He came to America in 1847 as a young man and here, where labor is unhampered by caste or class, he made steady progress in the business world, winning success and an honorable name by his well directed efforts.

Mr. Berk was born in Germany, December 6, 1824, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 8th of July, 1904. His education was acquired in his native country and he was twenty-three years of age when he left that land and came to America. Immediately establishing his home in Dayton, he remained here until called to his final rest. He was a cabinetmaker by trade and followed that pursuit for a number of years but in April, 1865, he dropped cabinetmaking and turned his attention to the undertaking business, which he successfully managed until 1903, when he retired from business life and was succeeded by his two sons, Frederick W. and Louis F. Berk. His remaining days were then spent in the enjoyment of well earned rest but in the following year he passed away, his death occurring July 8, 1904. He had been one of the leading funeral directors of the city and the satisfactory manner in which he conducted his interests won for him an extensive patronage.

Mr. Berk was married in Dayton to Miss Christina Waltemathe, and unto them were born eleven children, of whom three died in infancy, while eight reached adult age, namely: Frederick W.; Matilda, the wife of David D. Mentel, of Dayton; Caroline, who died at the age of nineteen years; Katharine, the widow of Samuel Tressler; Emma, who has departed this life; Elizabeth, the widow of Samuel Raper; Charles A., who is deceased; and Louis F. The wife and mother died on the 26th of February, 1890, in New Orleans, Louisiana, while on a pleasure trip in the south.

Mr. Berk was well known in social and fraternal organizations. He was a charter member of Schiller Lodge, I. O. O. F., was an honorary member of the Harugari, was also a member of the German Pioneer Society of Dayton, and belonged to the German Lutheran church. He never took any active part in

politics nor desired office. His record was that of a business man, who devoted his time closely to his interests, of a citizen who stood for progress and improvement in municipal affairs and of a man who was always loyal to the ties of home and friendship.

S. RUFUS JONES.

In an age where competition is rife there are certain qualities indispensable to success in any line of endeavor. These are close application, watchfulness of all details and a progressive spirit leading to the adoption of new principles for the expansion of trade interests. Possessing all these requisite qualities, S. Rufus Jones has capably controlled the interests of the Mutual Home and Savings Association, of which he is general manager. His wide and favorable acquaintance in Dayton makes his history one of interest to a large majority of his fellow townsmen.

He was born upon a farm near West Milton, Miami county, Ohio, in 1859 and passed his youth in the usual manner of farmer lads to the age of sixteen years, pursuing his education in the country schools and working in the fields through the periods of vacation. More advanced educational opportunities were offered him in his privilege of attending the academy at Spiceland, Indiana, a Quaker school, wherein he pursued his studies for three or four years. Later he entered Haverford College near Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, where he continued for eighteen months.

Mr. Jones dates his residence in this city from 1882, at which time he entered the employ of A. A. Winters, attorney for and secretary of the Mutual Home and Savings Association. He was employed as office boy and gradually worked his way upward, successive promotions coming to him in recognition of his trustworthiness, his reliability and his undaunted energy. In 1895 he succeeded A. A. Winters as general manager and has thus been in the position of executive control for fourteen years, the continued growth of the business being largely attributable to his efforts and keen discernment. He was also the president of the Ohio Building Association League from 1902 until 1908 inclusive—a fact indicative of the high regard entertained for him by those in a similar line of business.

In 1888 in Pennsylvania occurred the marriage of S. Rufus Jones and Miss Mary Adele Yost. They have four living children: Rufus B., Robert H., Alfred W. and Marianna. They also lost a daughter, Dorothy, in 1904. They are well known in social circles in Dayton, having many warm friends whose regard is freely tendered them in recognition of their sterling traits of character.

Mr. Jones is a very prominent Mason, having attained high rank in the order, in which he has also been honored with various official positions. He belongs to Mystic Lodge, No. 405, F. & A. M., of which he is a past master; is also past high priest of Unity Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M.; and belongs to Reese Council, No. 9, R. & S. M. He has taken the degrees of Chivalric Masonry, belonging to Reed Commandery, No. 6, K. T., of which he is past eminent commander. His membership relations extent to Gabriel Lodge of Perfection; Valley of Dayton; to

Miami Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, of which he is now sovereign prince; to Dayton Chapter of the Rose Croix; and to Dayton Consistory. On the 17th of September, 1907, he was raised to the thirty-third degree, an honor conferred only in recognition of exemplary official service and loyalty to the craft. He belongs to the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and his political views accord with the principles of the republican party. He is well known in Dayton as a representative and reliable business man and throughout this and other states as one of the eminent and valued representatives of the Masonic fraternity.

SAMUEL JUDY.

The success which attended the efforts of Samuel Judy while he was actively connected with farming interests now permits him to live retired in the enjoyment of a handsome competence which is the merited reward of his persistent, earnest and indefatigable labor. He was one of the most extensive farmers of German township, owning and cultivating about five hundred acres of land which has been in possession of the Judy family since 1805 and is now being tilled by his brother, the rich land responding readily to the care and labor which is bestowed upon it.

Samuel Judy was born in 1821 and is today the oldest native resident of the county, having passed the eighty-eighth milestone on life's journey. He has, therefore, witnessed the development of this part of the state from pioneer times and can tell many interesting tales of the early days when there were various log cabins scattered through the forests in districts where the timber had scarcely been touched. Comparatively few lots had been laid out and the settlers depended upon private conveyances, or the old stage routes, if it was necessary for them to travel from one place to another. The homes were largely heated by fireplaces and lighted by candles and there remained to the settlers the arduous task of clearing away the forests for the development of new farms. The years passed by and Mr. Judy witnessed many changes as the work of improvement was carried steadily forward. In his youthful days he attended the Brown Run school but his education was largely secured through experience and study at home in the evening hours, for he worked on the farm during much of the period that boys usually give to the acquirement of an education, as his services were needed on the old homestead. His parents were Jacob and Catherine (Hetzler) Judy. The former was a son of Christian Judy, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was the first representative of the family in Ohio, becoming one of the early settlers of Montgomery county. He was a shoemaker by trade but turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and as the result of his industry, economy and judicious investment became the owner of seven hundred acres of fine land. He was very energetic and diligent and as the years passed was accounted one of the wealthiest farmers of the community. He was a public-spirited citizen, always interested in the welfare and progress of the county, giving active aid and cooperation to many movements for the general good. In religious faith he was a Lutheran and assisted in building

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the old State Road church. He married a Miss Cooper and their family included Jacob Judy, who was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania. He, too, became a farmer, devoting his life to the tilling of the soil. He removed to Ohio with his father and assisted in clearing the land of the Judy estate. He married Catharine Hetzler and unto them were born seven children: John and Mary, both deceased; Samuel, of this review; Catharine, who has also passed away; Susan and Jacob, who are living; and Elizabeth, deceased.

As previously stated Samuel Judy was reared on the old homestead farm and having arrived at years of maturity was married October 26, 1842, to Miss Madeline Bean, of this county. They became parents of seven children: Jacob, who enlisted in the Union army in the Eighty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry under Colonel Moore, was wounded in battle and died in the hospital. Martin married Clara Hendricks and their children were: Joseph, deceased; Samuel, who married Lena Emminger, and had a son, Harold; John; Helen; and Bessie. Catharine, the third of the family is the wife of George Hanger and their children are: Ernest; Lea; Lily, the wife of John Robbins and the mother of Wallace Robbins; Wallace; Clara and Elizabeth. Abraham, the fourth of the family, married Lindley Poffenbarger and their children are: Mary, the wife of Charles Carney by whom she has one child, Carl; and Chalmer. Mary is the wife of Henry Flickinger. Charles married Mary Michael and their children are: Hazel, Mildred, Dorris, Evelyn and two others. Lettie is the wife of Irwin Coleman and the youngest of the family. After losing his first wife Samuel Judy wedded Mrs. Williamson, a widow and the daughter of Samuel and Edith (Ford) Frances. His present wife was formerly Helen Kern of Germantown, a daughter of Fred and Maria (Carter) Kern.

Mr. Judy belongs to the United Brethren church and the fact that he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him is an indication that his life has ever been an honorable and upright one. He has now attained to a venerable age and his record is such that he can look back over the past without regret and forward to the future without fear. He has ever endeavored to live peaceably with his fellowmen, has been reliable in business affairs and his business honesty and personal honor have made his example one well worthy of emulation.

CAPTAIN JOHN NELSON BELL.

In a review of the records of leading men, noting that which has drawn to them the attention and respect of their fellows, it is not difficult to determine the salient characteristics of Captain John Nelson Bell, for certain facts and elements in his life stand prominently forth. These include a three years and three months' service in defense of the Union in the Civil war, a creditable business record and twenty-three years' service as grand recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio. Now having reached the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he is still active as a representative of the craft and by reason of the sterling qualities of his life he enjoys those things

which Shakespeare has termed the accompaniments of age, "honor, love and troops of friends."

A native son of Dayton, he was born December 18, 1838, and is descended from old American families, the ancestry on the maternal side being traced back to the Mayflower, while ancestors in the paternal line established homes on the shores of Maryland at an early period in the colonization of that state. His grandparents were residents of Greene county, Ohio, in the opening years of the nineteenth century, his paternal grandfather, John Bell, having been drowned in the Little Miami river in 1810. His parents became residents of Dayton as early as 1830.

Spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, John S. and Zipporah (Cock) Bell, Captain Bell attended the public schools of Dayton until he had completed a course at the Central high school and then, making his way westward, he engaged in teaching for a time on the prairies of Minnesota. Later he was for several years a local reporter on the Hawkeye at Burlington, Iowa, and during that period watched with interest the progress of events in the south, noting the discontent and the threats of secession engendered by the growing opposition to the practice of slavery, and resolved that if a blow were struck to overthrow the Union he would strike one in its defense, and thus it was when Fort Sumter was fired upon and the call was made for troops to serve for three months, he immediately joined the army. On the expiration of his first term he returned to Burlington and raised a company of volunteers, being commissioned, in 1862, captain of Company E, Twenty-fifth Iowa Volunteer Infantry, with which he served until the close of the war, his own valor and courage inspiring his men to deeds of bravery. He did active duty in the campaigns under Generals Grant and Sherman in the south and southwest and later participated in the siege of Vicksburg, in the storming of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge, the campaign of Atlanta, the march through Georgia and the Carolinas, and then when the war was brought to a successful termination he marched with the victorious army through the streets of the capital city and before the reviewing stand on which stood the president and others high in authority, welcoming back the returning troops. While at the front Captain Bell was appointed assistant adjutant general and assistant inspector general on the staffs of General James S. Williamson and General George A. Stone, in Sherman's Fifteenth Corps, and received the commendation of his commanders in general orders for his faithful discharge of duty.

For some years after the war Captain Bell was actively engaged in merchandising in Iowa and following his return to Dayton acted as bookkeeper until 1885, when he became secretary of the Ohio Fire Insurance Company, which connection he maintained until about ten years ago.

Captain Bell has also been very active in Masonry and is most widely known in this connection, being one of the leading representatives of the craft in the state. He was made a Master Mason in Des Moines Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & A. M., at Burlington, Iowa, October 18, 1868; was exalted in Iowa Royal Arch Chapter, No. 1, R. A. M., October 2, 1869; and created a Knight Templar in St. Omer Commandery, No. 15, K. T., February 22, 1871. He is affiliated with the various York Rite bodies in Dayton since 1872 and has received the various de-

grees of the Scottish Rite from the fourth to the thirty-second degree in the Valley of Dayton and in the Ohio Consistory at Cincinnati. In 1888 he was crowned a sovereign grand inspector general, thirty-third degree, and was made an honorary member of the Supreme Council, N. M. J., of the United States at Boston, September 18, 1888. He has been honored with many offices in the different branches of Masonry and, as stated, is serving for the twenty-third year as grand recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, to which office he was first elected in October, 1886. He is also a member of the military order of the Loyal Legion and the Old Guard Post, G. A. R.

During the interval between his first and second enlistment for service in the Union army, Captain Bell was married, the wedding being celebrated in Burlington, Iowa, November 3, 1861, the lady of his choice being Miss Annie Acres, a daughter of Stephen F. Acres, of Gibraltar. As the years passed their family numbered six children: Charles W., William A., George H., Walter H., Mary V. and Nelson.

The family are members of the Episcopal church and in politics Captain Bell has always been a stalwart republican, standing loyally by the party which was the defense of the Union in the dark days of the Civil war. Loyalty has ever been one of his strong characteristics and a review of his life work manifests the fact that his allegiance has been given to those things which work for honorable manhood and for progressive citizenship.

HARRY FRENCH.

Harry French, who is the head of the French family in Harrison township and works his mother's farm on the Beardshear road, about three miles from Dayton, in a northerly direction, was born July 7, 1872, on the Dan Booker farm, the son of George and Mary (Beardshear) French. The father, who was the son of George and Mary (Booker) French, was born in this state, but received his schooling in Richmond, Indiana. At the age of nineteen he came from Sidney, Ohio, to this county, where he engaged in his life's occupation of farming. On the 21st of September, 1870, he was married to Miss Mary Beardshear, and died a little less than two years afterward, on the 3d of August, 1872.

Harry French received the beginning of his education in the public schools of Harrison township, but necessity compelled him to supplement this as best he could by study at home under the guidance of his mother, who had to fill toward him the place of a father as well. His experiences in the world of work have embraced many pursuits. He started in at the carpenter's trade, but after working at it for some time he engaged in the creamery business. This he forsook to go into the railroad business with the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Company, with which he remained eight years. He next entered the employ of the National Cash Register Company, but after about nine years spent with this firm, he returned to the old farm and to cultivating it has devoted all his time and energy since.

On the 20th of June, 1895, Mr. French was united in marriage to Miss Alice Campbell, daughter of John and Ellen (Queen) Campbell. The father was a carpenter by trade and is still living in Chillicothe, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. French have four children: Russell L., Mary G., Ruth M. and George Eldon. The three eldest are attending school.

During his connection with the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, Mr. French joined the insurance company established by the corporation and retains his membership in the organization. He also belongs to the Independent Foresters, No. 1640, of Dayton, and is most loyal in his support of the ideals of the society and active in promoting the interests of his fraternal brothers. To the church of the United Brethren he gives his religious adherence and is ever ready to exert himself in fostering its work. The responsibilities of life early descended upon Mr. French's shoulders but even those of his younger years were borne with courage and determination, while perseverance marks the industry of his later life, and when the blessings were bestowed upon this generation, Mr. French was not passed by without receiving his share.

CLIFTON HAYES CORD.

Clifton Hayes Cord, engaged in the life insurance business in Dayton, was born at Tobasco, Clermont county, Ohio, on the 8th of July, 1858, and in 1860 was taken by his parents to Williamsburg in the same county, where the family home was maintained until 1868. A removal was then made to Cherry Grove, Hamilton county, Ohio, and Clifton Hayes Cord there largely acquired his education as a pupil in the public schools. He was eighteen years of age when he left that place and in August, 1876, went with his father to Cincinnati, Ohio, where the latter opened a carriage manufactory. The son then entered the shop and learned the trade and for two years was employed in that way.

In 1878 Mr. Cord removed to Amelia, Ohio, where he embarked in the same line of business, after disposing of his Cincinnati plant. Clifton Hayes Cord remained in Amelia for a little less than two years and then severed his business connection with his father, returning to Cincinnati in the fall of 1879, there entering the employ of his cousin, Enos Woods, a carriage manufacturer. About ten months later he removed to Mount Washington, Ohio, where he began the manufacture of carriages on his own account, spending four years and two months in that place. On selling out he returned to Cincinnati, where he entered into a partnership with Enos Woods, under the firm style of Woods & Cord, which continued to the 1st of August, 1888. Mr. Cord then disposed of his interest and turned his attention to the life insurance business in Cincinnati, whence he removed to Dayton on the 28th of June, 1803. He has now been a resident of this city for sixteen years and has built up a fine business, writing a large amount of insurance each year. Few men are more thoroughly informed concerning insurance in all of its various phases, and representing a number of the old line companies he has been very successful in placing many policies as the result of his enterprise and his clear presentation of the value of personal insurance.

On the 21st of August, 1879, Mr. Cord was married at Amelia, Ohio, to Miss Frances J. Tuttle and unto them were born three children: William O., who was married in Dayton in 1904 to Miss Clara McQuality; Sherley Estelle, the wife of David H. Hendrick of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Helen Laura, who is yet with her parents.

Mr. Cord votes with the republican party but otherwise is not active in support of partisan measures. He is well known as a prominent representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, has filled all of the chairs in the local lodge, has been a member of the grand lodge, and is a past representative thereto. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and has represented the subordinate in the grand lodge. A devoted member of the Memorial Baptist church, he served as one of its trustees for twelve years and is now president of the church organization. Very early there came to him a recognition of the indispensable elements of success, and seeking advancement along the straight road of persistent, earnest labor, he enjoys a near approach to the goal of prosperity.

FREDERICK WOLF.

Living a contented and happy life, Frederick Wolf is enjoying well earned rest on his farm of one hundred and forty-four acres situated in Madison township, near Fort McKinley. He was born in Taylorsburg, Montgomery county, March 19, 1852, a son of Frederick and Christian (Myers) Wolf. The father, born in Germany, emigrated to the new world when a young man. He followed mechanical pursuits in Taylorsburg for many years, his death there occurring.

Frederick Wolf, whose name introduces this record, acquired his education in the common schools of the neighborhood, therein mastering the branches of study that equipped him for the practical duties of life. During his youth he assisted his father in the shop and later engaged in the nursery business. He eventually acquired the money which enabled him to purchase land, becoming the owner of his present farm of one hundred and forty-four acres located in Madison township on the Wolf road near Fort McKinley, the Harrison township line running through the land. It is supplied with good farm buildings and everything about the place is kept in the best condition, indicating the thrift of the owner. For many years Mr. Wolf engaged in general agricultural pursuits but is now practically living retired, having accumulated a competency which supplies him with all the comforts of life.

Mr. Wolf was married December 26, 1875, the lady of his choice being Miss Emma C. Frank, a daughter of Harvey and Polly (Christ) Frank. Both Mr. and Mrs. Frank were natives of Rockingham county, Virginia, and there spent their entire lives, the father being a planter. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wolf has been blessed with eight children: Harry, who wedded Anna F. Schaunfelt, by whom he has four children, John H., Norman F., Harold E., and Esther; Lula, the wife of Harry Bosore, by whom she has two daughters, Mable and Dorothy; Herbert, who wedded Ida Weldy; Roy; Carl, at home; and Ida, Lottie and Wesley, all of whom have departed this life.

Mr. Wolf belongs to the Mission church at Fort McKinley, while in his politics he is independent voting for the men whom he believes best qualified for office. He is a strong temperance man and in favor of the prohibition movement. Having spent his entire life in Montgomery county, Mr. Wolf is well known to its citizens and to those who know him intimately, his companionship, friendship and counsel are appreciated and helpful. He lives an honorable and upright life and in his treatment of his neighbors and his relations with his fellowmen he never loses sight of the principle of the Golden Rule.

NATHANIEL DIEHL.

The farming interests of Montgomery county find a worthy representative in Nathaniel Diehl, who is the owner of a farm comprising one hundred and fifty-eight acres, situated on the east side of Liberty road in Madison township and about three miles southwest of Trotwood. In addition to this property he also owns another farm adjoining the home place on the north and it is now cultivated by a tenant. Having spent his entire life in this county, Mr. Diehl has a wide acquaintance and his admirable qualities have won him favorable regard.

He was born on the 23d of January, 1857, in Jackson township, and is a son of John and Susan (Earsman) Diehl. The former was also a native of this county, born in Perry township, and his parents were John and Susan (Miller) Diehl. The great-grandfather of our subject was the founder of the family in Ohio, coming to this state from Pennsylvania. He was one of the pioneer settlers in this portion of the country, arriving when much of the land was covered with dense forest, through which the Indians still stalked at pleasure, hunting wild game and also shooting wild animals, which were numerous. Mr. Diehl cleared his land and in the midst of the wilderness developed a farm, bringing his fields under cultivation. He arrived a little before the Indian troubles in this section of the country and like other pioneers had to face not only the hardships and difficulties incident to the development of new land but was also constantly menaced by the skulking foe. The old homestead is located on the Eaton pike at the outskirts of New Lebanon, and in fact one part of the town is situated on the old farm. The land is still in possession of the family, which has long been a prominent one. During the war of 1812 John Diehl, Sr., engaged in teaming for the army between Dayton and Cincinnati and was an enlisted soldier. His work was very dangerous because of the unsettled condition of the country and the fact that the Indians became imbued with a spirit of war, which was rife in the land. John Diehl, the father, was born in Perry township and largely assisted his father in clearing the old home place. Having arrived at years of maturity he married Susan Earsman, and they became the parents of four children, Aaron, Nathaniel, John Quincy and Sarah Ann. The last named became the wife of Sylvester Manning.

From his infancy to the present time Nathaniel Diehl has been identified with the interests of Montgomery county. His education was acquired in the common schools, where he mastered those branches of learning which equip one

MR. AND MRS. NATHANIEL DIEHL

for the practical duties of life. He worked on the farm during the periods of vacation and his training in the labors of the fields was not meager, for he early took his place at the plow and soon became familiar with the best methods of cultivating and caring for the harvests. Since 1880 he has resided upon his present farm, which he purchased in that year and has since cultivated, making it a very valuable property. It presents a most attractive appearance, for in the midst of well cultivated fields stands a beautiful and commodious residence, surrounded by fine shade trees and a well kept lawn. In the rear are good barns and ample sheds for the shelter of grain and stock and the fields bring forth rich harvests, while in the pasture are seen good grades of horses, cattle and hogs. The farm work is carried on along progressive lines and as the years have passed Mr. Diehl has prospered, becoming the owner of valuable property, his two forms returning him a substantial financial income.

On the 12th of October, 1879, was celebrated the marriage of Nathaniel Diehl and Miss Mary E. Garst, a daughter of Elias and Sarah (Coffman) Garst. Her father was a very prominent and influential farmer during the many years of his residence in this county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Diehl have been born ten children: Alta, the wife of Warren Lentz, by whom she has a daughter, Lola; Ira M., who wedded Laura Swygert; Ora, living at home; Maud, the wife of David Whitehead, by whom she has a daughter, Violet; Amy, at home: and Sadie, Medda, Orpha and Russell, also under the parental roof; and Ida, the youngest, in school.

The Diehl family belong to the conservative branch of the Dunkard church and are very active in its work. In all of his life Mr. Diehl has been actuated by his Christian belief and the New Testament teachings, endeavoring to shape his course in harmony therewith. He is thus widely known as a man of untarnished honor and business rectitude, always endeavoring to deal justly with his fellowmen, while in his judgments he is considerate and charitable.

JESSE A. McCLURE.

Among those who, identified with real estate interests, are active in controlling property transfers, their business energy and enterprise contributing to the growth and welfare of the city as well as to individual success, is Jesse A. McClure, junior partner of the firm of Weller & McClure. He was born upon a farm in Greene county, Ohio, in 1856 and through the period of his youth was familiar with all of the duties that fall to the lot of the agriculturist as he carries on the work of the fields from the time of early spring planting until the crops are garnered in the late autumn. He remained upon the farm to the age of twenty-four years and during that time pursued his education in the country schools until he reached the age of seventeen years, after which his undivided attention was given to farm work.

It was in 1880 that Mr. McClure arrived in Dayton and entered the employ of Hoover & Gaines, nurserymen, with whom he traveled for six years He then severed his connection with that firm and in 1880 entered the employ of the

Dayton Hedge Fence Company, which he also represented upon the road for six years. In 1897 he formed his present partnership with Samuel Weller and under the firm style of Weller & McClure has since engaged in the real estate business. As the years have passed they have secured a good clientage, handling much valuable property and in the conduct of their business interests they are not unmindful of the opportunities of the real estate agent to promote the growth of the city along substantial lines while advancing individual prosperity.

In 1880 Mr. McClure was married in Dayton to Miss Emma Hennanan and they have one daughter, Edith F. Mr. McClure belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Presbyterian church and manifests a commendable interest in everything pertaining to progress in those lines which work for good citizenship and for the development of business activity whereon the growth and upbuilding of every city depends.

ALBERT S. FOX.

Albert S. Fox, a structural engineer and contractor of Dayton whose thorough college preparation and theoretical training has stood the test of practical experience, his ability winning him wide recognition in his chosen field of labor, was born on a farm near Brookville, Montgomery county, Ohio, on the 17th of February, 1868. His father, Levi Fox, also first opened his eyes to the light of day on a Montgomery county farm October 24, 1825, and his last days were spent in Brookville, this county, where he passed away February 19, 1903. For many years he engaged in business as a manufacturer of brick. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Barbara Studebaker, was born February 3, 1830, and died in Brookville, August 12, 1903. They became the parents of nine children, of whom one son died in infancy, while the others lived to mature years. They were: Martha A., the widow of Lee O. Heck; Sarah J., the wife of A. F. Roller; Herman S.; Silas D., who died in 1881 at the age of twenty-two years; Theodore S.; Elizabeth, the wife of Perry N. Spitler; Albert S.; and Charles J.

Reared amid rural surroundings and mastering the elementary branches of learning in the country schools, Albert S. Fox afterward attended the National Normal College at Lebanon, Ohio, and also the Ohio Northern University at Ada, Ohio. In preparation for the field of labor which he chose to make his life work, he studied bridge construction. Following his graduation he worked for the Brookville (Ohio) Bridge Company for four years, from 1902 until 1906, and since the latter year he has been taking contracts on his own account for the building of bridges. His ability as a structural engineer is evidenced in a number of bridges which show his handiwork and the number of his contracts is steadily increasing and the nature thereof is becoming more and more important.

In 1898 in Dayton Mr. Fox was united in marriage to Mrs. Susie C. Gilbert, nee Ozias, a daughter of Benjamin Ozias, and they have one child, Virginia. The parents belong to the Summit street United Brethren church and have a wide acquaintance in social circles while their own home is attractive by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality. Mr. Fox belongs to the Independent Order of

Odd Fellows and to the Knights of Pythias, while his political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party. His interest in public affairs is that of a citizen who desires the public good and not personal advancement. His ability is the measure of his success and those familiar with his career know that he has made and is making continuous progress.

CHARLES FREDERICK SNYDER.

While the growth and development of a city are the outcome of its business activity, progress in this direction is not conserved by a single individual or by a few men but is promoted through the efforts of each one who is loyal to his daily tasks and embraces the opportunities that are open to him. That which differentiates mankind is the use to which each individual puts his efforts and develops his power, and when one man passes another on the highway of life it is perhaps owing not to the fact that his salient characteristics are different, but to the fact that they are combined in a more harmonious union, producing a better balance in the attainment of results. Analyzing the life record of Charles F. Snyder, it will be found that his advancement is due to his possession of qualities which any might cultivate. It is the fact that he has cultivated these qualities that has enabled him to reach a creditable and gratifying position in trade circles, being now active in the control of an important productive industry as the vice president of the Beaver Soap Company.

Dayton numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in this city, December 21, 1848. His parents were Rev. Frederick and Martha Wilson (Henderson) Snyder, both now deceased. The family is of German origin and was founded in Pennsylvania at an early day. The grandfather, George Snyder, became one of the early residents of Dayton, taking up his abode here in 1819. His son, the Rev. Frederick Snyder, born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, was educated in Columbia College, New York city, an institution ranking second to none in the country. When he had completed his course he was ordained to the ministry of the Baptist denomination and from 1843 until 1850 filled the pastorate of the First Baptist church in Dayton. He was also pastor of a church in Terre Haute, Indiana, and later in Williamsburg, New York, where he died in 1852. Subsequent to his marriage he pursued a course in the Rochester Theological Seminary that he might be fully equipped for his holy calling. His wife survived him for almost a third of a century, passing away in 1884 at the age of sixty-three. Two of their five children died in infancy. Elizabeth A. married E. R. Stillwell and died in January, 1908, leaving three children: Helen, the wife of J. D. Clark, an attorney of Dayton; Edwin, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Frederick, living in Mexico. Harriet A. is the wife of R. N. King, a resident of Dayton. Charles F. completes the family.

Entering the public schools at the usual age, Charles F. Snyder was in due time graduated from the Central high school with the class of 1867, and thus qualified for the practical and responsible duties of life he secured a situation in the book store of Payne & Holden, with whom he remained for a year and a half, and then

sought a situation with the Stillwell & Bierce Manufacturing Company, with whom he was associated from 1869 until 1873, acting as bookkeeper for a time and also going upon the road as traveling representative of the house. His careful expenditure during this period enabled him to acquire a capital sufficient for him to engage in business on his own account and in 1874 he began the manufacture of extension table slides. The enterprise was started on a small scale but almost from the beginning he enjoyed a good trade and continued in that field of activity until 1893, during which time he had built up a very extensive and profitable business. In the meantime the growth of his trade had demanded a removal from his original location to larger quarters and he realized a handsome profit when he disposed of the business to the Dayton Table Slide Company. In that year he became secretary and treasurer of the Beaver Soap Company and on the reorganization of the business in 1906 he was made its vice president. This is now an important productive industry of the city with a large output which is shipped extensively, its market covering a wide territory.

On the 23d of April, 1885, Mr. Snyder was married in Dayton to Miss Mary L. Cooper, a native of Springfield, Ohio. They now have two children, Louise Martha and Leslie C. Mr. Snyder belongs to no secret societies but holds membership with the Dayton City Club and the Dayton Country Club. His religious faith is evidenced in his membership in the First Baptist Church, while his political views are attested by the support which he gives to the republican party at the polls. His social qualities have won him a constantly increasing circle of friends, while his business integrity has placed him high in the regard of his colleagues and associates in the commercial world.

JOSEPH LIGHT.

> How blessed is he who crowns in shades like these
> A youth of labor with an age of ease.

These lines are suggested in a contemplation of the life and work of Joseph Light, now living retired, enjoying in well earned rest the fruits of his former intense and well directed activity. No citizen of Dayton receives in larger measure or more justly merits the confidence, good will and respect of those with whom business or social relations have brought them in contact. For fifty years connected with the Dayton Gas Light & Coke Company, his industry and faithfulness brought him to the position of superintendent and the substantial remuneration awarded him in recognition of his worth enabled him at different times to become financially interested in other business concerns.

Mr. Light is numbered among the citizens that the world's metropolis has furnished to Dayton for his birth occurred in London, England, June 16, 1833. He was one of the twelve children of George and Ann (Rutherford) Light, who were also natives of that country. The only survivors of this family are the subject of this review and an elder sister, Mary Ann, now the widow of Edward Roberts and also a resident of Dayton. The parents both passed away in London, where the father had long followed the trade of a brickmason. He died in 1852 at the

age of seventy-six years and his wife in 1866 at the age of sixty-five. The former was of the Episcopalian faith while the latter was a Congregationalist in her religious belief. She was of Scotch lineage, a daughter of John Rutherford, a native of the land of hills and heather. The paternal grandfather of our subject was born in England and there spent his entire life, reaching the remarkable old age of one hundred and one years.

Reared in his native city Joseph Light attended school until ten years of age when he began providing for his own support as an employe in a manufactory of gas machinery and bridge building. He manifested aptness in all of his tasks and his faithfulness and diligence won the favorable attention of those whom he served. When a youth of fifteen he was employed on the Brittania tubular bridge then regarded as one of the wonders of the age. He continued in the employ of this firm until nineteen years of age when he heard and heeded the call of the new world, prompted by a desire to enjoy the broader business opportunities offered in this great and growing country. As a passenger on the ship, American Eagle, he sailed from London and landed in New York but tarried only briefly in the eastern metropolis, going at once to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he arrived on the 1st of April. There he entered the employ of the Cincinnati Gas Light & Coke Company, with which he remained until October, 1855, when he removed to Dayton, his previous experience enabling him at that time to take charge of the Dayton Gas Light & Coke works as superintendent. He remained in this position for fifty-two years and six months, ever enjoying the full confidence of the officers of the company as well as of the humblest employe. During this period the works of the company were rebuilt three times under his practical supervision. The first construction was what is known as four inch works; the second six inch; and the third a ten inch; while at the present time the works represent in part sixteen inches and in part twenty inches. In all of his superintendency Mr. Light kept pace with the growth of the city and with the improvement made in gas plants throughout the entire country. After more than a half century of faithful, loyal service he resigned, on which occasion he was presented with a beautiful loving cup by his fellow employes together with the following resolutions:

"Joseph Light, superintendent of the Dayton Gas Light & Coke Company, has after mature deliberation, resigned his position, from a desire to rest and take life with more ease and comfort in his declining years.

"We, the board of directors personally, and as the representatives of the stockholders, accept same with the most sincere regret—as he has been for more than fifty-two years an officer of the company, and has been faithful, honest and loyal to its best interests; and in his retirement we wish to assure him of our highest esteem and well wishes for his health and the full fruition of his well-earned rest."

As Mr. Light prospered he made investment from time to time in other business enterprises, all of which proved profitable so that prosperity has been his in abundance and he now has a handsome competence for the evening of life. He is yet president of the Piqua (Ohio) Gas Company and is vice president of the G. J. Roberts & Company Machine Works.

Mr. Light laid the foundation for a happy married life in November, 1854, when he wedded Miss Catherine Lee, a daughter of Richard Lee, of Cincinnati. They traveled life's journey together for twenty years and were then separated

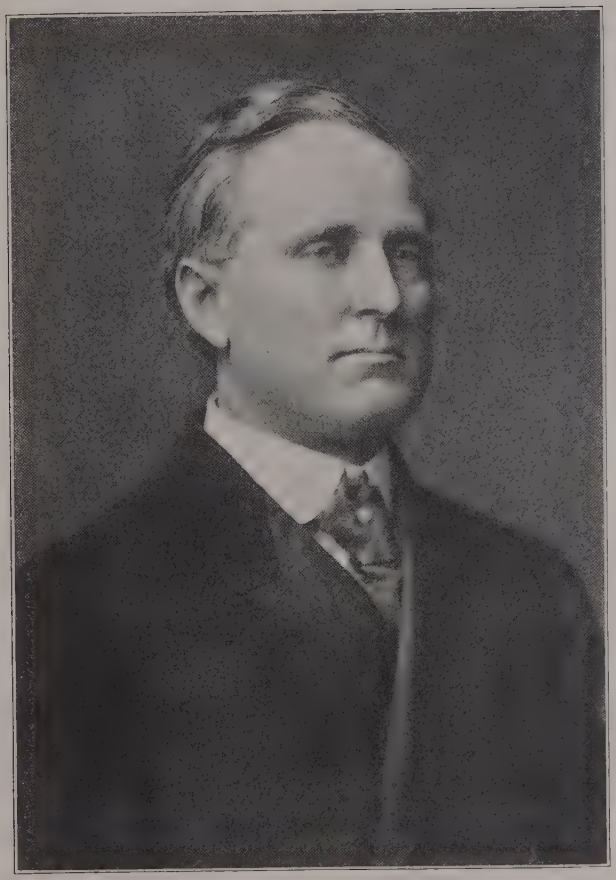
in the death of the wife in 1874. Their children, three sons and three daughters, are: Catherine; George, who has succeeded his father as superintendent of the Dayton Gas Light Light & Coke Company; Jane L., the wife of Charles DeArmond, of Piqua, Ohio; Joseph Edward; Ellen F.; and Edward H. In 1880, in Bucyrus, Ohio, Mr. Light was again married, his second union being with Miss Elizabeth Westwood.

Prominently known in Masonry Mr. Light has taken the degrees of the commandery and of the Scottish Rite. He is also a charter member of Dayton Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and holds membership in the Park Presbyterian church. His political views are in accord with the republican party which he has supported since its organization. There is perhaps no history in this volume which illustrates more clearly the value and worth of character as manifest in the faithful service and thorough reliability in every condition and in every circumstance of life. All who know him entertain for Mr. Light the highest respect and good will and he has come to his present position in life's journey with what Shakespeare has termed "the blessed accompaniment of age—honor, love and troops of friends."

HON. ULYSSES S. MARTIN.

The legal profession demands not only a high order of ability but a rare combination of talent, learning, tact, patience and industry. The successful lawyer and the competent judge must be a man of well balanced intellect, possessing wide general information and comprehensive understanding of legal principles and precedents. He must, moreover, entirely subjugate personal feeling and prejudice to the impartiality and equity of the office to which life, property, right and liberty look for protection. That Judge Martin is regarded as such a jurist is a uniformly accepted fact. He is, moreover, entitled to mention from the fact that he is one of Montgomery county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Randolph township, March 4, 1866. His parents were Christian and Maria (Frantz) Martin, the former born at Lewisburg, Preble county, Ohio, in 1830 and the latter about ten miles northwest of Dayton in this county, about 1856 and devoted his life to general agricultural pursuits. He was also a citizen of considerable local prominence and was recognized as one of the leaders of the republican party, doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. He served for three terms as trustee of Randolph township, a fact which indicated his personal popularity for the township had a normal democratic majority. He died in 1892, respected by all who knew him. His widow still survives.

The early experiences which came to Ulysses S. Martin were those that usually fall to the farm lad. At an early age he began work in the fields, assisting in the plowing, planting and harvesting but while the district schools were in session he gave his time to the branches of learning constituting the curriculum, until sixteen years of age, after which he spent two years as a high-school student in Harrisburg. He then took up the profession of teaching, which he followed



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during the winter months, while in the summer season he attended the Western Normal University at Ada, Ohio. Three years were thus passed in alternating periods of study and teaching, after which he entered upon a course in Otterbein University, winning the Bachelor of Arts degree at his graduation in June, 1892. Another year was then devoted to teaching, after which he began reading law in the spring of 1893 in the office of Carr, Allaman & Kennedy, well known attorneys of Dayton. The previous reading which he had done, while teaching school, and his close application, while in the office, enabled him to secure admission to the bar in June, 1894, and in the following July he opened an office for the active practice of his profession, in which he has since made continuous advancement until his ability and legal knowledge have carried him into important professional relations. Year by year his clientage increased not only in volume but also in the character of the legal work entrusted to him. In 1899 he was elected prosecuting attorney for Montgomery county, taking up the duties of the position on the 1st of January, 1900. So ably did he serve that in 1902 he was reelected, his second term expiring in January, 1906. At that time he was appointed by Governor Herrick to fill a vacancy on the common pleas bench and, after serving for one year, he was chosen for the office by the popular suffrage at the regular election of 1906 for a term of six years, beginning in January, 1907. He is, therefore, now acting as common pleas judge of the third subdivision of the second judicial circuit and his decisions indicate strong mentality, careful analysis, a thorough knowledge of the law and an unbiased judgment.

On the 27th of November, 1894, Judge Martin was united in marriage to Miss Laura G. Denlinger, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have three children: Elizabeth L., born in December, 1896; Dobert U., born in May, 1899; and Richard S., born in September, 1903.

Judge Martin holds membership with the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias, the Masons, and the Knights of the Ancient Essenic Order. His friends find him a man of unfailing courtesy and of a genial, cordial disposition. An excellent presence, an earnest dignified manner, marked strength of character, a thorough grasp of the law and the ability to apply its principles accurately are factors in his commendable judicial service.

WILLIAM A. ULLERY.

William A. Ullery, an enterprising and successful agriculturist of Madison township, is the owner of a fine farm of eighty acres on the east side of the Union and Liberty road, situated about two and a half miles north of Trotwood. His birth occurred December 22, 1862, on the old Ullery homestead about a mile and a half east of Trotwood, his parents being Moses and Mary (Ehrstine) Ullery. The paternal grandparents were Moses and Susannah Ullery, the former being of German descent and probably coming from Pennsylvania. Moses Ullery, the father of our subject, has always made his home in Montgomery county and is now a retired agriculturist and prominent resident of Trotwood. His family

numbered nine children, namely: Marion, Warren, William A., Charles, Amanda, Jane, Ellen, Laura and Emma. All living with the exception of Jane and Emma.

William A. Ullery obtained a good practical education in the schools of Madison township and when his time was not occupied with his text-books he assisted his father in the work of the home farm. On attaining his majority he decided to devote his time and energies to the pursuit to which he had been reared and is now the owner of a valuable and well improved tract of eighty acres in Madison township, known as the old Hyre farm, where he cultivates the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate and also raises some stock for his own use. His residence is a commodious and attractive two-story brick structure and in his farming operations he has won a measure of prosperity that entitles him to recognition among the substantial and progressive citizens of his native county.

On the 18th of September, 1887, Mr. Ullery was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Iler, a daughter of John Iler, who is a well known citizen and retired agriculturist. He is the father of two daughters, Emma; and Minnie, the wife of Mr. Ullery. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ullery has been born one son, Harley, who is attending school.

In his political views Mr. Ullery is a democrat and has served his fellow townsmen in the capacity of road commissioner. Though positions of public trust have frequently been tendered him, he has always declined them, finding that his private affairs demanded his entire time and attention. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the German Baptist church, in the work of which the members of his family take an active and helpful interest. His entire life has been passed in this locality and his fellow citizens know that his record has been characterized by fidelity to duty and by honor in all relations.

JOSEPH N. BOESCH.

Although a comparatively young man, Joseph N. Boesch is well known as a leading merchant tailor of Dayton and also as the president of the National Oil Pump & Tank Company. By reason of his business ability he has rapidly forged his way to the front ranks of the men of enterprise and diligence who are leaving their impress upon the commercial and industrial history of the city.

Dayton numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred December 6, 1870. The public schools afforded him a part of his educational privileges and he also attended private schools but was only thirteen years of age when he left the schoolroom. He went upon a farm in Montgomery county with a brother at the age of nine years. After remaining for three years amid rural surroundings he returned to Dayton and for a year was in school. Then he again spent six months upon the farm but the city proved the stronger attraction for him and for seven months he was employed in a Dayton planing mill. At the expiration of that period he learned the Journeyman tailor's trade and then Merchant Tailor's trade, and the ability which he gained enabled him in 1896 to embark in business on his own account, for as an employe he had been able to command good wages and had also become thoroughly familiar with the business.

For thirteen years he has now conducted a merchant tailoring establishment and has been accorded a liberal and increasing patronage. In 1905 he extended his efforts to another line, for on the organization of the National Oil Pump & Tank Company he was elected its president and has since remained as the chief executive officer in control of its affairs. He is likewise a stockholder in the Charles A. P. Barrett Paint Company.

Mr. Boesch was married in Dayton, in 1896, to Miss Louisa J. Lukaswitz and unto them have been born five children: Horace J., William J., Joseph R., Katharine and Robert C. In his political views Mr. Boesch is a democrat but not bitterly partisan or offensively aggressive. He votes for the candidates of the organization because he believes in its principles and feels that its platform contains the best elements of good government. In religious belief he is a Catholic and belongs to Emanuel church. He is also connected with the Knights of Columbus and with the Gesellen Vereins—an association that indicates an acknowledgment and appreciation of his German ancestry and the privileges to which he is entitled by reason thereof.

LEOPOLD RAUH.

That Leopold Rauh occupies a position of distinction among the leading representative business men of Dayton is indicated by the fact that he is now serving as president of the Chamber of Commerce, the foremost organization of business men of this city. He has long been associated with commercial interests here, displaying in his life work an indefatigable industry and a spirit of enterprise which have carried him into important trade relations. Like a great majority of America's successful men, he made his start in commercial life in a most humble capacity, but each upward step brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities and he has never feared to venture where favoring opportunity has pointed the way.

A native of Germany, Mr. Rauh was born in Rhenish Bavaria, January 7, 1850, and came to America in 1865, when a youth of fifteen years. He has since made his home in Dayton save for a brief period and on arriving here entered the employ of Rauh & Pollock, wholesale liquor dealers, at a salary of nine dollars per month. Soon afterward, however, he went to Pensacola, Florida, as bookkeeper, remaining there for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he returned to Dayton and joined his father, E. Rauh, in the hide and tallow business, in which he has continued to the present time, the business being now carried on under the style of The E. Rauh & Sons Company. When a branch house was established in Indianapolis in 1873 Leopold Rauh went to that city to take charge, remaining for a year. The business there has since been continued with gratifying success. He returned to Dayton, however, to take an active place in the management of the business here, which in 1888 was incorporated under the name of The E. Rauh & Sons Company with Leopold Rauh as president. He has so continued to this time (1909) and his executive ability and enterprising methods have been the basis of a most successful and growing busi-

ness. He has not confined his efforts entirely to one line, however, but has operated in other fields. In 1898 he became interested in the Egry Register Company of Dayton and in 1903 was elected to the presidency, in which position he has since continued.

In affairs relating to the upbuilding and progress of Dayton, Mr. Rauh has also taken an active and helpful part. He was a member of the board of education for two terms or four years, extending from 1888 until 1892, and labored earnestly to advance the standard of public instruction here. He is a member of Council No. 3 of the United Commercial Travelers of Dayton, belongs to the Standard Club and is a member of the Reformed Jewish Congregation. The salient feature of his life has been unfaltering application to the task or duty at hand, combined with keen insight in business affairs, enabling him to recognize and utilize his opportunities. He is recognized as a most forceful and capable business man.

SOUTHWESTERN OHIO GENERAL AGENCY OF THE NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

This general agency was established in 1879, having been continuously maintained with main offices in Dayton since that time. The business of the agency for the years recently passed averages from six hundred thousand dollars new insurance to one million dollars annually, the premiums received approximating three hundred thousand dollars per year. The management of the agency with the exception of two years has been in charge since 1893 of J. M. Markham, general agent, assisted by W. L. Reynolds, Milner Brien, J. M. Kramer and Harvey Bilenkin, special agents.

JOHN A. MURPHY.

John A. Murphy, president of the John A. Murphy Company of Dayton, was born in Canada in 1848 and came to the United States in 1862 as a youth of fourteen years. He established his home in Montgomery county and four years later took up his abode in Dayton, where he has since made his home. In 1870 he entered the employ of S. A. Dickey, a coal dealer and since that time has been connected with the coal trade, his industry and enterprise bringing him to a prominent position in connection with the business in this city. He remained with Mr. Dickey for seven and a half years, during which time he gained an intimate knowledge of the coal trade and the different qualities of fuel. Carefully saving his earnings during that period he at length was enabled to engage in business on his own account in the fall of 1878, when he opened a retail coal yard and office. Gradually the business has developed as the years have gone by and in May, 1908, the present company was incorporated, the business now being successfully and extensively carried on under the name of the John A. Murphy

Company. Since 1867 Mr. Murphy has also been interested with S. J. Patterson in the Tom Corwin Mine in Jackson county. He is also a member of the sinking fund board of Dayton and is the owner of farming interests in Montgomery county. He thus has varied sources of income and his capable management of his business affairs is bringing to him substantial success.

In 1889 Mr. Murphy was united in marriage in Dayton to Miss Mary Cooney, of Champaign county, Illinois, and they have three children: J. Francis, Mary Agnes and Clare. Mr. Murphy is a member of the St. Joseph church and gives his political allegiance to the democratic party at the polls but has never been an aspirant for office. His loyalty in citizenship and reliability in business stands as unquestioned facts in his career and in commercial lines he has steadily worked his way upward. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek his home and fortune in this portion of America where competition is greater but where advancement is more quickly secured than in the more conservative districts of Canada.

HENRY SOLLENBERGER.

Henry Sollenberger, numbered among the progressive and prosperous agriculturists of Madison township, is the owner of an excellent farm of ninety-six acres just off the Union road, about two miles north of Trotwood. His birth occurred on the old homestead near Union, Montgomery county, on the 4th of August, 1865, his parents being John and Catharine (Peffley) Sollenberger. Jacob Sollenberger, the paternal grandfather, spent his entire life in Pennsylvania, successfully carrying on farming pursuits in Lancaster county, that state. John Sollenberger, the father of our subject, who was of German descent and was likewise a native of the Keystone state, was but a child when he accompanied his mother on her removal from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to this county, his father having died in Pennsylvania. Subsequently he made his way to Elkhart, Indiana, where he owned a farm but afterward returned to Montgomery county and here became very prominent and well known. Unto him and his wife were born eight children, namely: Jacob, John, David, Aaron, Mose, Elizabeth, William and Henry.

The last named acquired his education in the schools of his native county and in his youthful years divided his time between his studies and the work of the home farm. Carefully saving his earnings, he at length accumulated capital sufficient to enable him to purchase a farm of his own and about three years ago he bought the place of ninety-six acres in Madison township where he now resides. By reason of his untiring industry and well directed labors he has gained a gratifying and commendable degree of prosperity in his agricultural interests and has an attractive and modern home as well as substantial and commodious outbuildings. He also raises some stock for his own use.

On the 7th of June, 1896, Mr. Sollenberger was united in marriage to Miss Clara Wagner, a daughter of John and Susanna (Olinger) Wagner, her father being a retired agriculturist residing in Trotwood, at the age of seventy-eight years.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sollenberger have been born three children: Corvin and Roy E., who are attending school; and John G. Religiously Mr. Sollenberger is identified with the German Baptist church, the teachings of which he exemplifies in his daily life. Having spent his entire life in this county, he is widely and favorably known within its borders and has gained the warm regard and esteem of many with whom he has come in contact.

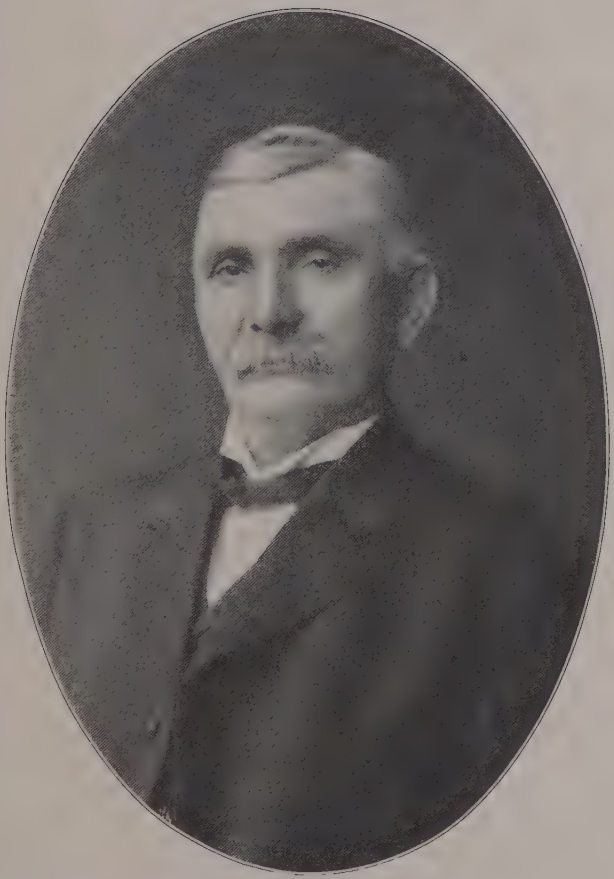
JOHN HENRY DAVIS.

John Henry Davis, a retired butcher of West Carrollton, Ohio, was born on the 31st of March, 1846, in England, and is the son of John and Mary Anna (Wilkins) Davis. The father was a weaver, following his trade in Shepton Mallet, Somersetshire. There he occupied a prominent position in public affairs and became a man of more than moderate means. He never left his native home, but died and lies buried in the land of his fathers.

John Henry Davis was but nine years old when his father was taken from his family. He completed his education in the schools in his birthplace, and made preparations for a life of activity and usefulness. The United States seemed to offer him greater advantages in the way of advancement, so at the age of twenty-three he started upon his journey to the new country and the new life. He came direct to Dayton where he remained but a short time, however, and then went to Alexanderville, where he engaged in the butcher business. For two years he remained there and then came to West Carrollton. Here he opened a shop and in the years that followed built up a large trade, for he was a hard worker, a good manager and assiduous in supplying the wants of those who favored him with their patronage. To his own efforts alone are to be accredited the business successes which the years have brought him and every dollar that has found its way into his possession has come through his exertion of hand and brain.

On the 6th of April, 1869, Mr. Davis was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Bennett, a daughter of Esau and Elizabeth (Moody) Bennett. Esau Bennett followed farming and when he came to this country from England located near Carlisle, in this county. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis. Anna, the eldest, is the wife of Robert Ohler and the mother of five children: Lester, Edith, Walter, Elizabeth and Mary Ellen. William, the second in the family, married Miss Dora Huber, who has borne him two children: Thomas and Dorothy, now deceased. Clifford B. married Miss Ellen Platt and is the father of a daughter, Mary Catherine, and a son, Clifford P. Susan, the fourth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, married Roy McClellan, of West Carrollton. The two youngest children, Lily May and Earl A., have passed away, the former at the age of fourteen, the latter at the age of eight.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Davis are active members of the Methodist Episcopal church, and he is also identified with West Carrollton Lodge, No. 826, I. O. O. F.; and Miamisburg Lodge, No. 44, K. P. He is not only well known throughout the county but is held in the highest esteem, having the confidence and respect



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of all with whom he has been brought in contact either in business or social life. In 1901 he returned to England to visit his five brothers, who still reside in that country, it having been thirty-three years since he left his native land to come to the new world. After a pleasant visit of eight weeks he returned to America, content to make his home on this side of the Atlantic. He has taken quite an active and influential part in local politics and being elected on the citizens ticket to the office of treasurer of West Carrollton, he acceptably filled that position for two years.

ALBERT H. KEMPER.

Albert H. Kemper, who as president of the Brownell Company, is well known in business circles in Dayton, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, May 21, 1868, but during his infancy was brought to the city of his present residence by his parents, William Hughey and Lizzie M. (Connolly) Kemper. The former was born in Indianapolis April 14, 1841, and was a son of John M. and Elizabeth (Hughey) Kemper, natives of Kentucky and of Dayton, Ohio, respectively. The Hughey family was numbered among the first settlers of this city, the name of William Hughey, the great-grandfather, being included on the list of the pioneers. John M. Kemper was for many years a contractor and builder of Indianapolis, where he died in 1878, while his widow afterward came to Dayton to live with her son, William H. Kemper.

While spending his youthful days in Indianapolis William H. Kemper mastered the branches of learning taught in the public schools. He entered business life in 1857, working at the last maker's trade in his native city until 1861, when he put aside business and personal considerations to respond to the country's call for military aid and joined General Lew Wallace' "Zouaves"—the Eleventh Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

In 1862 he became a member of the Seventieth Indiana Regiment under Colonel, afterward General Benjamin Harrison, with which he remained until the close of hostilities, having in the meantime participated in the Atlanta campaign and the march to the sea under Sherman. He was at Raleigh, North Carolina, when the news of Lee's surrender was received and with the army he proceeded northward to Washington, D. C., there participating in the most celebrated military pageant ever seen in the western hemisphere.

After receiving his honorable discharge Mr. Kemper returned to Indianapolis and again secured a situation where he had formerly been employed, although a change in the ownership had occurred during his absence. In 1869, however, he became a resident of Dayton, becoming foreman of the boot-tree department in the last manufacturing house of Crawford & Coffman. He remained with that house through various changes in partnership and was made assistant superintendent when the owners were Crawford, McGregor & Canby. Further promotions came in July, 1895, when he was made superintendent of the company's plant at Gaylord, Michigan, and on the incorporation of the business in March, 1896, he became a director and assistant superintendent of the Crawford, McGregor & Canby Company of Dayton.

In 1861 Mr. Kemper wedded Lizzie M. Connolly, of Indianapolis, who was born in Portarlington, Ireland, and came to this country in 1855. Their family numbered five children, but Frank E. died in 1875 in his ninth year. The others are Albert H.; William R. of Dayton; Ida E., now the wife of Thomas Wilson; and John Sanford, with the Brownell Manufacturing Company.

The eldest son, Albert H. Kemper, acquired his education in St. Joseph's parochial school and St. Mary's Institute of Dayton but at the age of sixteen years put aside his text-books and entered the employ of W. P. Calahan, a manufacturer of machinery, with whom he continued for two years. He then became a clerk with the Brownell Company and has risen step by step to the position of chief executive officer, serving as its president since 1901. The statement of this fact alone is proof of his business ability and of the confidence of his associates and colleagues.

In 1892 in Dayton Albert H. Kemper was married to Miss Margaret Cronin and they have one son, Edward William. They are communicants of St. Joseph's church and Mr. Kemper belongs to the Dayton City Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. His political support is given to the republican party at the polls, but otherwise he is not active in political circles. His attention and energies are fully occupied by his constantly increasing business duties, as the trade of the Brownell Manufacturing Company increases, for this establishment has for some years occupied a foremost position among the important productive industries of Dayton.

LEWIS G. REYNOLDS.

The business circles of Dayton embrace almost every line of activity known in commercial and industrial fields and in control of these are men who stand as a high type of the representatives of trade relation—men who are forceful, aggressive and possess much of the initiative spirit. To this class belongs Lewis G. Reynolds, president of the "Aertite" Carton Company of Dayton.

A native of Bellefontaine, Ohio, he was born in 1858 but was only two years of age when in 1860 his father, L. D. Reynolds, removed with his family to Washington, D. C., where he was a government official in the treasury department. For six years thereafter Lewis G. Reynolds remained in the national capital and then came to Dayton, where he continued his education in the public schools until he put aside his text-books at the age of eighteen years. At that time he entered his father's commercial job-printing establishment and bent his energies to mastering the business in detail. He desired to be thorough in every particular and his energy and perseverance were manifest in the capable manner in which he solved intricate business problems connected with the trade. In due course of time successive promotions brought him to the position of general manager when the business was incorporated as the Reynolds & Reynolds Company. In 1893 he severed his connection with the company and entered the employ of the Carter-Crume Company, with which he was associated for five years or until 1898, when he organized the Reynolds-Easton Company to manufacture

advertising novelties. This in 1903 was merged into the "Aertite" Carton Company and Mr. Reynolds was elected its president. His long experience in a position demanding executive force and capable management well qualify him for the duties that devolve upon him as the head of this concern.

In 1886 in Dayton was celebrated the marriage of Lewis G. Reynolds and Miss Jeanette H. Lytle and their three children are: Mary L., Lewis Gardner and Janet. In his political views Mr. Reynolds has long been a stalwart republican, actively interested in the party and doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. He never aspired to public office but consented to serve as a member of the school board from 1892 for four successive terms. His life is in harmony with his profession as a member of the Third Street Presbyterian church and he belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Dayton City Club and the Country Club, of which he is vice president. One work of his life, especially worthy of mention, is the fact that he was the founder and organizer of "The Carnation League of America," instituted as an annual memorial to the late William McKinley and dedicated to national patriotism. This movement had at its head as trustees: Hon. George B. Cortelyou, Washington, D. C.; Justice William R. Day, Canton; Hon. David R. Francis, St. Louis; Hon. M. A. Hanna, Cleveland; Dr. William R. Harper, University of Chicago; Hon. Myron T. Herrick, Cleveland; Alexander H. Revell, Chicago; Hon. Ryerson Ritchie, Cleveland; and Mr. Lewis G. Reynolds, Dayton, Ohio. Something of the purpose of the organization is indicated in the following extract from the original promulgation of the institution:

"There has been instituted a McKinley memorial known as 'The Carnation League of America,' the sole purpose of which is to commemorate, annually, the life and works of William McKinley and foster national patriotism. His pure, clean private life and his distinguished public services mark him as worthy of especial honor. The same loyal impulse that prompted the stopping of almost all the wheels of industry for those moments on the day of his burial has found annual expression in this simple tribute instituted by 'The Carnation League of America.' It can be taken part in by the old and young of either sex. To wear the president's favorite flower, in the lapel of the coat, or in the hair, or at the throat, in silent memory of a departed public servant, whose life was forfeited because he was our servant, is what is contemplated by this movement. The fact that the carnation was President McKinley's favorite flower and was always found in his buttonhole is the reason for its choice as a league symbol, to be worn on each recurring 29th day of January, the anniversary of the late president's birth. The custom was first observed on January 29, 1903, with the greatest unanimity throughout the country and by Americans all over the world."

The "creed" of The Carnation League, which is as follows, was composed by Mr. Reynolds and declared by President Roosevelt to be a little classic which should be subscribed to and memorized by every man, woman and child in the nation:

THE CREED.

"Believing that the future greatness of my country can best be assured by a growth of good citizenship among all the people, and that good citizenship may

be promoted by keeping fresh in our hearts and minds the best traditions of our country, and that this can, in a measure, be accomplished by a proper observance of all our national days, I charge myself from this time forward, to give thoughtful consideration to the patriotic lesson presented by each such day, and endeavor to have others do the same."

Mr. Reynolds has always been known for a spirit of patriotism and for an admiration of those great men whose splendid qualities may well entitle them to be called representative citizens of the nation and his work in connection with the Carnation League of America is especially commendable.

ABRAM SCHACHNE.

Among the business enterprises of Dayton an important one is that owned and carried on by Abram Schachne, now prominently known as an interior decorator, the nature and extent of his business being indicated in the fact that he has recently been awarded the contract for decorating the capitol at Frankfort, Kentucky. His birth occurred in Buffalo, New York, in 1869, and in 1874 his parents moved to New York city, going thence to Columbus, five years later. Abram Schachne was therefore largely reared in this state and in 1893 he came to Dayton as head salesman for W. C. Mayer and took full charge of his business, having had several years experience in that line, in which connection he gained comprehensive knowledge of everything pertaining to decorating. He continued with Mr. Mayer for four years and next became associated with the P. M. Harman Company of Dayton, spending ten years in that establishment.

At the end of that time he felt that his broad experience as well as the capital which he had saved from his earnings was sufficient to enable him to start in business on his own account. Accordingly, in November, 1906, he and his present partner bought out his former employer, W. C. Mayer, and are today conducting business under the name of The T. A. Schachne Company. The business was incorporated for fifty thousand dollars with Mr. Schachne as the president of the company. They carry a stock of fancy decorations valued at fifty thousand dollars and are conducting a very extensive business. Later Mr. Schachne took the contract for the decorations in the capitol at Frankfort, Kentucky, while many important and extensive contracts have been awarded him, indicating his fine workmanship and liberal business methods. The furnishings and decorations for the new Young Men's Christian Association building of Dayton were planned by The A. Schachne Company. To them was also awarded the contract for the Egyptian room in the new Masonic temple, considered one of the best examples of Egyptian decoration in the United States. Mr. Schachne has worked in all the cities within a radius of one hundred miles of Dayton and the trade of the house is constantly growing. His reputation is an unassailable one because of its straightforward trade relations, its promptness in executing a contract and the splendid character of the work done.

In 1891 Mr. Schachne was married in Columbus to Miss Nona E. Legge and unto them have been born five daughters: Helen Josephine, Erma Eldine, Sara

Cromwell, Virginia Cromwell and Rosemary. Mr. Schachne belongs to Blue Lodge of Masons and to the Dayton View Club. His advancement to his present enviable position has followed as a logical sequence of his well directed efforts and the development of the artistic taste and talent with which nature endowed him.

EDWIN BEST.

The jewelry house of H. Best & Son has long been a leading feature in the mercantile life of Dayton and the name has ever stood as a synonym for progressiveness and reliability in the conduct of commercial interests. He whose name introduces this review was born in Dayton in 1839. The family is of English lineage and was founded in America by Thomas Best, a native of England, who was born in the eighteenth century. Coming to the new world he located in Cincinnati. He was accompanied on his voyage to the United States by his brother Robert, and a year later a third brother, Samuel Best, also came. The three brothers then became partners in the jewelry business in Cincinnati but in subsequent years Thomas Best removed from that city to Lebanon, Ohio, where he established a jewelry store. This was probably about 1810 or 1811 and while there living he made drums, buttons, etc., for the soldiers of the war of 1812. He died in Paducah, Kentucky, May 24, 1844. His wife who bore the maiden name of Sarah Margaret Greenham, was a native of England and they had five daughters and three sons.

Henry Best, the father of Edwin Best, was born in Cincinnati in 1804. The city, now of metropolitan proportions, was then a little village and only a year or two before Ohio had been admitted to the Union. Dayton, too, was of little commercial or industrial importance when he located here in 1828. He established the jewelry business, which he conducted up to the time of his death in 1873 and which has had a continuous existence to the present time, covering a period of more than eighty years. Henry Best was married in Dayton to Miss Ann S. Drill and they became the parents of eight children, five of whom reached years of maturity: Newton, of Union City, Indiana; Edwin, of this review; Emma, the wife of D. O. Stout, of Dayton, Ohio; William H., whose demise occurred in December, 1907; and Carrie, the wife of a Mr. Richardson. The death of the husband and father occurred in 1873 and was not only the occasion of deep regret to his immediate family but also brought a sense of distinct loss to the city where he had been so long known as a prominent and enterprising merchant.

Edwin Best spent his youthful days in his parents' home, his time being largely given to the acquirement of an education in the public schools. He lacked but six months of completing the course of study in the Central high school when he put aside his text-books and entered his father's store, since which time he has been closely associated with the jewelry trade of the city. He learned the business under his father's direction and in 1860 was admitted to a partnership in the enterprise, at which time the present firm style of H. Best & Son was

assumed. At the time of his admission to the firm the father practically retired, although he was nominally interested in the enterprise until his demise. The jewelry establishment of H. Best & Son is today one of the largest and finest in Dayton, an extensive line of goods being carried, including fine importations of diamonds and jewelry of foreign make. The store is splendidly appointed in all of its fixtures and cases and the attractive display of goods constitutes a feature in its sales. The house, too, has ever maintained an unsullied reputation for commercial integrity and reliability and has largely set the standard for activity in jewelry lines in Dayton.

Edwin Best was married in this city, in September, 1861, to Miss Mary C. Collins, a daughter of Gilbert and Caroline (Jacobs) Collins. Their marriage was blessed with three daughters, as follows: Ida B., the wife of Charles Chatelin Bosler; Etta M., the wife of Walter W. Bishop; and Florence, the wife of Edward C. Philipps.

In his political views Mr. Best has long been a stalwart republican, giving to the party his first presidential vote. He has been unfaltering in his advocacy of its principles and belongs to Garfield Club. He also affiliates with the Presbyterian church and is the president of the Montgomery County Fish and Game Protective Club. While he has reached the age of three score years and ten, he is still an alert, energetic and enterprising business man, whose powers in the management of important mercantile affairs have increased rather than diminished as the result of his broad and varied experience and close study of the line of trade to which he has directed his energies. To omit the history of the Best family from the mercantile records would be to leave out one of its most important chapters, for through eighty years the name has figured in connection with the trade interests of the city and in Dayton no man is more honored and respected in mercantile and financial circles than Edwin Best, not alone by reason of the success he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward and commendable business policy that he has ever followed.

DAVID C. LICHLITER, M. D.

On the list of medical practitioners in Dayton appears the name of Dr. David C. Lichliter, who for thirty years has been in active practice here. During this time his mistakes have been few and his successes many. He was not only thoroughly grounded in the principles of medical science when he left college but has remained a close student of the profession, continually augmenting his knowledge by reading, experiment and investigation.

Dr. Lichliter is a native of Woodstock, Shenandoah county, Virginia, his birth having there occurred in September, 1852. His youthful days were passed in the place of his nativity and he there obtained his primary education. In 1872 at the age of twenty years, he left home to enter Franklin and Marshall College at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he pursued a four years' course and was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1876. Ten years afterward his alma mater conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree.

DR. D. C. LICHLITER

When he had completed his literary course Dr. Lichliter returned to his old home in Virginia but the following year matriculated in Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia and was graduated in 1879, securing the honorary prize offered by Professor E. Wallace. Immediately thereafter he established himself in practice in Dayton and has gradually advanced to a foremost place in the rank of the medical fraternity here. In addition to his private practice he was at one time connected with St. Elizabeth Hospital. He holds membership in the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association and the Montgomery County Medical Society and in the last named has held all of the different offices save that of censor. In all that he does he is imbued with a progressive spirit and this has kept him informed concerning the latest ideas, theories and discoveries of the medical profession. He was medical examiner for the National Life Insurance Company of Montpelier, Vermont, for twenty-three years, and also medical examiner for the Royal Arcanum and National Union.

In 1886, in Dayton, Dr. Lichliter was united in marriage to Miss Ella M. Burrowes, who died in 1892. In his political views the Doctor is a republican, though somewhat independent in voting for he does not feel that he must be bound by any political machine but will control his own franchise, supporting candidates whose qualifications, in his opinion, best equip them for office. The Doctor belongs to the Reformed church and the strong and salient characteristics of his life are such as have gained for him the unqualified esteem and good will of his fellowmen and of his brethren of the profession.

JOHN M. WAGNER.

John M. Wagner, who for the past seven years has lived retired in Trotwood, was for many years numbered among the most prominent and successful farmers and stock-raisers of Montgomery county. His birth occurred in Carroll county, Maryland, September 12, 1830, his parents being George and Catharine (Milliard) Wagner. The father came to Ohio subsequent to the arrival of his son, John M., in this county and purchased a good farm near Union, on which he resided for about ten years, when he passed away, being survived by his wife about twelve years. Their remains were interred in the Happy Corner cemetery.

The year 1854 witnessed the arrival of John M. Wagner in Montgomery county, Ohio, and he at once became identified with agricultural interests here as a farm laborer. Subsequently he came into possession of the old John K. Olinger farm and was continuously engaged in its cultivation and improvement until the time of his retirement from active business life, when he divided his property among his children. In addition to cultivating the various cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also engaged in stock-raising on quite an extensive scale and for a long period was classed with the best known and most prosperous agriculturists and stockmen of the county. When, by reason of his capable management and well directed industry, he had at length accumulated a handsome competence he put aside the active work of the fields and for the

past seven years has lived retired in Trotwood, enjoying the fruits of his former toil in well earned ease.

Mr. Wagner has been married twice. On the 24th of December, 1854, he wedded Miss Susanna Olinger, a daughter of John K. and Nancy (Kuns) Olinger, her father being one of the most prominent farmers in the county. By this union there were four children. Charles E., who follows farming in Montgomery county, wedded Miss Mary Barnes, by whom he has the following children: Corbin E., who married Miss Cora Weimer; and Maud, the wife of Frederick Stock. Sarah Ann is the deceased wife of Daniel C. Flory. Nancy C., who has also passed away, became the mother of four children, the record of whom is as follows: Wilson, now deceased, married Miss Lizzie Miller and had two children, Harvey and Bessie, who are great-grandchildren of John M. Wagner. Cora is the wife of Leroy Denlinger and has three children: Arden, Louis and Eunice, also great-grandchildren of our subject. Arthur married Miss Hazel Revolt, by whom he has one son, George. John is the youngest child of Daniel C. and Sarah Ann (Wagner) Flory. Clara, the youngest child of John M. and Susanna (Olinger) Wagner, became the wife of Henry Sollenberger, by whom she has three children: Corwin, Roy and John. For his second wife John M. Wagner chose Miss Edith Warner, a daughter of David and Sarah (Snyder) Warner. Her father made his way from Pennsylvania to Montgomery county, Ohio, and became well known here as a successful agriculturist.

Mr. Wagner is a prominent and valued member of the Brethren church. Having resided in this county for more than a half century, he is well known within its borders and is now enjoying in honorable retirement the accumulations of a profitable, successful and upright life.

GEORGE PENDLETON DALE, M. D.

Dr. George Pendleton Dale, whose well developed ability in the line of his chosen profession has given him a prominent place in the ranks of the medical fraternity in Dayton, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, September 1, 1873. His youthful days were largely passed in the acquirement of an education in the public schools until he had completed the course in the Woodward high school by graduation with the class of 1892. Immediately afterward he entered business circles by securing a situation in Cincinnati, where he remained for four years, but a professional career seemed more attractive to him and believing that the practice of medicine would be a congenial calling he took up a course of study in that line and in 1900 was graduated from the Miami Medical College. Later he entered the Cincinnati Hospital, where he spent two years acquiring broad and comprehensive knowledge through the varied experiences and demands of hospital practice. Thus well equipped for the onerous duties of the profession he came to Dayton in January, 1902, and has since become well known as a representative of the medical fraternity here. He stands high with his brethren of the profession and the mere fact that he is on the staff of the Miami Valley Hospital is prima facie evidence of his ability and character. He belongs

also to the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

On the 6th of August, 1902, in Dayton, Dr. Dale was married to Miss Edith Barnes, a daughter of Rhodolphus Barnes. He belongs to the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and is a man whose high personal character, as well as his professional knowledge and skill, have gained for him an enviable position in his adopted city.

WILLIAM A. HOSKIN.

William A. Hoskin, junior partner of the insurance firm of Bell & Hoskin, of Dayton, Ohio, was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1873. During his infancy his parents crossed the border into the United States with their family, locating in Ionia county, Michigan, where William A. Hoskin pursued his education as a public-school student, passing through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1890.

Mr. Hoskin has been a resident of Dayton since 1892 and the year following his arrival turned his attention to the insurance business in connection with J. N. Bell, the firm of Bell & Hoskin being then formed. That it still exists is incontrovertible proof of the success which has attended their efforts. The years have witnessed their activity in insurance lines in which they have won a constantly increasing clientage as representatives of some of the old line companies. Their business has long since assumed extensive and profitable proportions and they are well known as prominent insurance men of the city.

In 1899 in Dayton Mr. Hoskin was united in marriage to Miss Estella M. Meeks. Their home is attractive by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality and is regarded as a most delightful resort by their many friends. Mr. Hoskins belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and to the Third Street Presbyterian church, while in politics he is an ardent republican, believing it to be the duty as well as the privilege of every true American citizen to stanchly uphold the principles which, in his opinion, constitute the basis of substantial and progressive government. His friends, and they are many, find him congenial and wherever he is known he enjoys the respect of those with whom he is associated.

MOSES ULLERY.

Moses Ullery, a retired agriculturist residing in Trotwood, is now the oldest man in Madison township, having attained the venerable age of eighty-three years. His birth occurred in this township, October 16, 1825, on the Ullery homestead on the Wolf Creek pike, his parents being Samuel and Susan (Whitehead) Ullery. In the year 1811 Samuel Ullery drove across the country from Pennsylvania to Montgomery county, Ohio, here clearing a tract of land. As time passed he added to his holdings by additional purchase and eventually be-

came the owner of about thirteen hundred acres of valuable land, being widely recognized as one of the most prosperous and influential citizens of the county. His family numbered ten children, namely: Lydia, deceased; Moses, of this review; Anna and Aaron, who have also passed away; Stephen; Mary, who is also deceased; David; Samuel; Christopher; and Valentine.

Moses Ullery obtained his education in the district schools and has always continued a resident of his native township. Throughout his active business career he was identified with agricultural interests, owning a rich and productive farm of one hundred and eighty acres, which he sold and divided a part of the proceeds among his children, having put aside the work of the fields in order to enjoy his remaining days in well merited rest.

In 1848 Mr. Ullery was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Ehrstine, by whom he had nine children, as follows: Amanda; Jane, deceased; Marion; Warren; Martha; Laura; William A.; Charles E.; and Emma, who has also passed away. For his second wife Mr. Ullery chose Mrs. Nancy Beeghley, a daughter of Abraham Landis, of this county.

Mr. Ullery is a valued member of the Dunkard church. He has so long witnessed the growth and development of this county that he has intimate knowledge of its history and relates many interesting incidents of pioneer times. He has long since rounded the Psalmist's span of three score years and ten but though the snows of many winters have whitened his hair he has the vigor of a much younger man and in spirits and interests seems not to have passed his prime. Old age is not necessarily a synonym for weakness or inactivity. It need not suggest, as a matter of course, want of occupation or helplessness. There is an old age that is a benediction to all that comes in contact with it, that gives out its rich stores of learning and experience and grows stronger intellectually and spiritually as the years pass. Such is the life of Mr. Ullery—an encouragement to his associates and an example well worthy of emulation to the young.

CHARLES SYLVESTER BILLMAN.

Charles Sylvester Billman, cashier of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Dayton, was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, in July, 1861. His grandfather was Jacob Billman, one of the pioneer residents of the middle west. His father was Abraham Billman, whose birth occurred near Connellsville, Indiana, in 1824. He left there at the age of nine years in company with his parents, who located on a farm near West Carrollton in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1833. His remaining days were devoted to general agricultural pursuits and he lived a life of great usefulness and activity, his death occurring in West Carrollton, Ohio, in 1908. He was married in this county to Miss Sarah A. Loree, and unto them were born seven children, of whom five reached adult age: Amanda, now the widow of Isaac Young, of Eaton, Ohio; Nettie B., the wife of John M. Murray, of Dayton; Francis Marion, who died in 1903; Charles S.; and Nora L., the wife of Joseph S. Parker, of West Carrollton, Ohio.

Charles S. Billman spent the days of his boyhood and youth on the old home farm, where he remained to the age of nineteen years, his youth being devoted to the work of the fields, to the pleasures of the playground and to the acquirement of an education. After attending the country schools he continued his studies in the normal school at Ada, Ohio, and after leaving that institution, in 1883, took up the profession of teaching in Montgomery county. For three years he was thus connected with the country schools, on the expiration of which period he accepted a position as teacher in the Miami Commercial College, where he remained for nearly twelve years, proving a capable educator whose instructions were clear, concise and forceful. Leaving that school in 1896 he was then associated with the Weston Paper Company for a time, and in August, 1901, he became secretary of the West Side Building & Loan Company and was made cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank organized in 1906, in which capacity he has since served, making for himself a creditable name in financial circles.

In December, 1885, Mr. Billman was married to Miss Lillie May Myers, and they have three children: Bess M., Nellie May and Charles M. Mr. Billman belongs to the Garfield Club and is a favorite in that organization because of his appreciation of the social amenities of life and his unfailing courtesy and congeniality. He is much interested in republican politics, believing that the principles of the party are most conducive to good government, and he labors for the success of its candidates, although he does not seek office for himself. Since starting out in life on his own account he has made steady progress, the simple weight of his own character carrying him into important relations in the financial circles of the city.

ADOLPH HEINZ.

The student carrying his investigations into the history of commercial and industrial development in northern Ohio find that the rapid growth and progress of the county along those lines is attributable in large measure to the establishment and conduct of the great iron furnaces and kindred interests. With the development of the rich iron fields of the Lake Superior regions their product was brought over the waters of the Great Lakes to different points of northern Ohio adjacent to the rich coal fields that have furnished the heat necessary for the conversion of the crude material into the finished and marketable product. Adolph Heinz is numbered among those who are prominently associated with the iron trade in Dayton, being now treasurer of the Dayton Malleable Iron Company. He was born in this city, April 24, 1863, and was here reared and acquired his education, passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, while in 1882 he was graduated from the Miami Commercial College. He next entered the employ of the Malleable Iron Company as bookkeeper and acted in that capacity until 1891 when he was made treasurer. In this position he is giving his attention to the financial concerns of the great enterprise with which he is associated and in a position of executive ability and administrative control is proving his right to be classed with the prominent representatives of industrial life in his native city.

Mr. Heinz was married in Dayton in 1887 to Miss Dora Kuntz and they are well known in social circles. He belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and gives his political support to the republican party where state and national issues are involved but at local elections where the only question for consideration is capability and reliability of the candidate he casts an independent ballot. His entire life has been passed in Dayton and he is preeminently here a man of affairs and one who has wielded a wide influence.

HENRY ESHBAUGH.

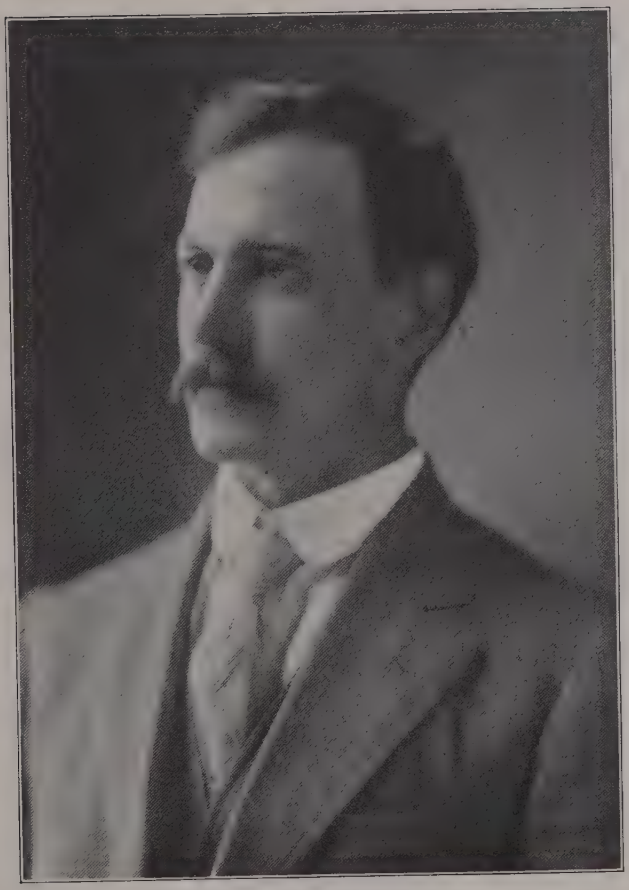
Henry Eshbaugh, filling the position of county sheriff, to which he was elected in November, 1898, has always been a resident of this part of the state. His birth occurred on a farm in Jefferson township, Montgomery county, on the 9th of July, 1873, and his life record is another proof of the fact that the country-bred lad is usually a strong factor in city life when he chooses to ally his forces with urban interests. He was reared on the home farm and was educated in the district schools, which he had attended to the age of sixteen years. He has since been connected with general agricultural pursuits, giving his time to the cultivation of the crops best adapted to soil and climate until elected to his present office.

Mr. Eshbaugh is a stanch supporter of the democratic party, interested in the political problems of the day and always well informed concerning the dominant issues between the parties. He served for five years as a trustee of Jefferson township and was then again called to public office in his election to the shrievalty in November, 1908.

On the 25th of September, 1901, Mr. Eshbaugh was married in Montgomery county to Miss Sarah Olt, and they have four daughters and one son: Christina, Catharine, Marie, Alice Elizabeth and Henry Leo. Mr. Eshbaugh was reared with the Baptists although he is not a member of any denomination. He belongs to the Junior Order of American Mechanics, the Knights of Pythias, the Eagles, and the Modern Woodmen, and although he has not figured actively in fraternal or club circles he is well known in the county as a substantial citizen who in his present office is standing as a safe conservator of the interests of law and order.

ISIDOR A. SEYBOLD.

Among those who figure prominently along educational lines in Montgomery county is Isidor A. Seybold, now acting as principal of school district No. 1, Madison township. Moreover, he is well known in the community as a prosperous and successful agriculturist and stock raiser. He was born in 1874 on the old Seybold homestead in this county and comes from German ancestry. The founder of the family in America was John Seybold, the grandfather of our subject, who came from Germany and settled first in Franklin, Ohio. Later he removed



HENRY ESHBAUGH

to this county where he spent his remaining days. He was an extensive traveler and during his lifetime acquired a very wide acquaintance. His son, David Seybold, was born on his father's homestead farm and was a veterinary surgeon by profession, while he devoted much time also to farming. He continued to make his home in Madison township throughout his life and became recognized as one of the best known representatives of this community. He married Rebecca Wolf and died in the year 1880. In their family were nine children, namely: Martha, Ella, Sarah, Mary, Amanda, Jacob F., Thomas, John and Isidor.

The last named was reared under the parental roof and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, while the summer months were devoted to the work of the farm, the duties of which became familiar to him at an early age. After completing his preliminary course he entered the Trotwood high school, from which he was graduated with honors with the class of 1897. He then pursued a preparatory course of study at the Normal School at Yellow Springs, Ohio, and having completed his senior year there he took up the profession of teaching as his chosen life work. Conscientious performance of the duties of the schoolroom, combined with earnest labor and indefatigable energy, has brought its just reward and he today is filling the responsible position of principal of the school district No. 1, Madison township. He has never ceased, however, to be a student, but on the contrary, by extensive reading, research and investigation at home, has broadened his knowledge and extended his powers. He is a capable instructor, readily imparting to others the knowledge he has himself acquired, and his labors along educational lines are doing much to uphold the standard of the public-school system. He is also the owner of a very fine farm of one hundred acres of land lying between Creek and Liberty pikes about a mile and a half northwest of the town of Trotwood. This property is a part of what was originally known as the McMullin & Philip Glass place. It is under a high state of cultivation and in addition to cultivating the grains and cereals common to this vicinity he has also an excellent fruit orchard upon his farm. He carries on his agricultural pursuits when not actively engaged in teaching and also devotes some time to stock-raising, making a specialty of horses and cattle, having on hand at the present time, twenty head. His stock is of a high order and therefore commands good prices on the market, while this branch of his agricultural interests is proving most important and profitable.

On January 31, 1900, Mr. Seybold was united in marriage to Miss Florence Kuns, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (McMullin) Kuns, and unto them have been born two children, Oden and Howard, the former a student in school. The family home is situated just off Liberty pike about one-sixteenth of a mile and is a fine eight-room house with all modern conveniences.

In his political allegiance Mr. Seybold is a republican and for three years he served as clerk of the township. He is a member of the Christian church and has been ordained by that denomination. He is the treasurer of the church and one of its deacons, while he is also a teacher in the Sabbath school, taking an active interest in all phases of the church work. He is a public-spirited citizen, being interested in all matters that pertain to the material, intellectual, political and moral upbuilding of the community. Although classed among the younger

generation who are gaining for themselves a place in the front ranks in this section of the township, the success which he has already attained is but an evidence of what the future has in store for one whose salient characteristics are unfaltering diligence and unwearied perseverance. His business methods have at all times been such as to command the respect and confidence of all with whom he has come in contact, while his admiral personal qualities have won him a large circle of warm friends who entertain for him the highest regard and esteem.

GEORGE WAMBAUGH HEATHMAN.

Among Dayton's residents whose activity in business in former years now permits of well earned rest in the enjoyment of the fruits of former toil, is numbered George Wambaugh Heathman. His connection with commercial interests in this city was of a most creditable character and his labors were at all times of a nature that contributed to the civic prosperity and growth as well as to his individual success.

Dayton is proud to number him among her native sons. His birth occurred here January 13, 1850, his parents being Elias and Mary Sophia (Wambaugh) Heathman. His paternal grandfather was George Heathman and the family is of Scotch extraction. Elias Heathman was born on a farm in Hancock county, Ohio, in 1823, and in 1845 came to Dayton, where his remaining days were passed, covering a period of four decades. He died in this city in 1885 and is survived by his widow and their eight children, four sons and four daughters.

George W. Heathman became a public-school student at the usual age and continued his studies until he reached the age of fifteen years when he began providing for his own support as an employe of the firm of Van Ausdal & Harman, with whom he continued from the fall of 1866 until November, 1869. He represented the house as a clerk, but when he left their employ he turned his attention to the baking business and was so engaged until the spring of 1872 in company with his brother-in-law, C. W. Nickum, under the firm style of Nickum & Heathman. In that year the business was reorganized and Mr. Heathman became senior partner of the firm of G. W. Heathman & Company, so continuing until 1885, when his father, who was the silent partner, passed away. Mr. Heathman then carried on the business alone until 1889, when he sold out to the United States Baking Company, now the National Biscuit Company, but was retained as manager until the spring of 1905, when he retired. From the time when he entered into active connection with the baking business his advance was steady and continuous. He manifested marked discernment and discrimination in managing his business affairs, gave to the public an output that was entirely satisfactory and therefore secured a liberal patronage, so that when he retired from active life he was in possession of a comfortable competence that was the gratifying reward of his years of earnest and persistent labor.

In 1872 in Dayton, Mr. Heathman was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Anderson, a daughter of B. F. Anderson, now deceased. Unto this union four

children were born, namely: Edward M.; Frank D.; Effie S., the wife of H. E. Allen of Dayton; and Luella, at home. In his fraternal relations Mr. Heathman is well known as a prominent Mason, having taken the thirty-second degree and the Knights Templar degree in the Commandery. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for two terms he served as tax commissioner at Dayton, but has never been active as a political leader, although interested in the success and growth of the party and the adoption of its principles. He belongs to the First Reformed church and his salient qualities are such as have commanded for him the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen throughout his entire life. Moreover, his business record may well serve as a source of emulation and encouragement, being a creditable demonstration of what can be accomplished when persistency of purpose and indefatigable energy are guided by common sense and intelligent perception.

JOHN FREDERICK BAKER.

John Frederick Baker has been connected with the hardware trade throughout his entire life, embarking in this line as a young tradesman at the outset of his business career. His close application through all of the passing years has developed his latent powers and capacities and his keen sagacity and sound judgment bring a ready solution to complex commerical problems.

Born in Dayton on the 10th of October, 1851, his youthful days were spent in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Baker. The father was born in Hanover, Germany, in 1808 and came to America in 1848, locating first in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was married to Miss Dorothea S. Schreiver. In 1850 they removed to Dayton and Mr. Baker opened a retail grocery store on East Fifth street near the canal, the first store of the kind to be established on that thoroughfare. For about eleven years he successfully conducted the business and then sold out that he might give his undivided attention to his investments, for from time to time he had purchased property and was the owner of considerable real estate. His death occurred, however, in 1862. He was long survived by his widow, who died in 1890 at the advanced age of eighty-two years. A daughter and three sons survived her death: Mary A., now the wife of Charles Sholz, of St. Louis, Missouri; the Rev. William J. Baker, of Amelia, Ohio; John F. Baker, of this review; and Charles A. Baker, who makes his home in St. Louis.

At five years of age John F. Baker entered the public schools, wherein he continued his studies until he had completed the first year's work in the high school. Then, when in his fourteenth year, he entered the hardware business, becoming an employe of A. C. Marshall in the same room which he now occupies. He started in a humble capacity but gradually worked his way upward by successive promotions until in 1874 he was admitted to a partnership under the firm style of Marshall & Baker. This relation was maintained until May, 1884, when Mr. Baker purchased his partner's interests and has since conducted the business under his own name. Thus for forty-four years he has been a factor in the

hardware trade of the city, business being carried on at the same location all of that time, and his establishment has largely set the standard for activity in this line. The business has been conducted in accordance with the most modern commercial ideas and with such strict regard for commercial integrity that the house sustains an unsullied reputation in all of its trade relations. Mr. Baker is also a stockholder and one of the directors in the Merchants National Bank and is regarded as one of the safe and sound business men of his native city.

In 1882 in Dayton occurred the marriage of Mr. Baker and Miss Ella B. Marshall, a daughter of Samuel Marshall, a prominent citizen of Dayton, whose death occurred in 1875. There were two children of that marriage: Frederick Marshall and Dorothea Margaret. Mr. Baker has ever been devoted to the welfare of his family, considering no effort or sacrifice on his part too great if it would enhance the happiness of the members of his household.

His political support is given to the democracy but he does not seek nor desire office. He has never relegated his religious duties to a secondary place in his life but on the contrary has for many years been a faithful and devoted member of the Third Street Presbyterian church and gives generous cooperation to many good works done in the name of charity and religion. He is one of the directors of the Young Men's Christian Association and also of the Associated Charities. In his life business ability, humanitarianism and public-spirited citizenship are well balanced factors.

ELMER E. NISWONGER.

Elmer E. Niswonger is president of the Excelsior Laundry Company and identified with other important and remunerative business concerns of Dayton. He was born in West Sonora, Preble county, Ohio, in 1861 and his youthful days to the age of nineteen years were there passed. He completed his education by a course in an academy at Euphemia, Ohio, being graduated with the class of 1879 and in 1881 he came to Dayton as stenographer for the John Dodd Manufacturing Company. For ten years he remained with that house, winning promotion from time to time but severed his connection to accept the position of corresponding clerk with the National Cash Register Company. His capability and ready adaptability there won him advancement until he became secretary of the company and a member of the board of directors. In 1901, however, he withdrew from that organization to enter business fields which he believed would prove still more remunerative, being elected to the presidency of the Excelsior Laundry Company. He is also president of the Star Laundry Company of Columbus and president of the National Laundry Machinery Company of Dayton. In the position of administrative direction he displays excellent executive force in the management and in the control of financial affairs. His constantly expanding business powers, his unwearied industry and his close application have enabled him from the outset of his career to rise steadily, step by step, to his present place of prominence and success.

in 1882 in Darke county, Ohio, Mr. Messenger was married to Miss Gertrude Harris. He belongs to the Masonic lodge, holds membership with the Carlisle Club, and is also a director of the Chamber of Commerce, these different associations making him widely known in Dayton. He is also an active republican, believing the party platform adequate to meet the needs of the country in shaping legislation that has to do with the financial and trade interests of the country and its foreign policy. He is an effective worker in the local ranks of the party and, as in other relations of life, commands the confidence and esteem of his political associates.

C. PRESTON FLOYD.

C. Preston Floyd, whose name appears on the roster of the city of Dayton as city clerk and clerk of the council, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 26, 1872, and came to Dayton in 1880. Here he acquired his education in the public schools and entered business life as a commercial traveler, remaining on the road for ten years. At the expiration of that period he became a factor in official service in Dayton, entering the county recorder's office as deputy in 1900 and serving until 1903 when he was elected to his present position by the city council. Systematic, accurate, methodical, prompt and faithful, the qualities which he displays in his official service have won him high commendation.

In 1902 Mr. Floyd was united in marriage in Dayton to Miss Alice Beachem and they have an attractive home whose hospitality is enjoyed by a large circle of friends. Mr. Floyd is well known in fraternal circles, being connected with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias and the Elks. In politics he has always been a stalwart republican and is one of the active and effective workers in the ranks of the party.

CHRIST BURKHARDT.

From a humble apprenticeship Christ Burkhardt has worked his way steadily upward in the business world until he now occupies a leading position in commercial circles as the president of the Dayton Biscuit Company. Investigation into his life record shows that his rise has followed as the logical sequence of unwearied industry and unfaltering application. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, in 1869, and came to Dayton in 1889 as a young man, ambitious to enjoy the superior business opportunities offered in the new world. His youthful days had been passed in his native country in the home of his father, Gottlieb Burkhardt, who still lives in Germany and ere he attained his majority he served an apprenticeship in a bakeshop of his native land. On reaching Dayton he sought employment in the line of his trade and remained in the service of others for about seven years or until 1896 when his careful expenditure and energy brought him sufficient capital to enable him to engage in business on his own

account. He, therefore, opened a grocery and bakery at the corner of Curtis and Burkhardt avenues in Dayton and for six years conducted the enterprise but sold out in July, 1902. He then organized the Dayton Biscuit Company, of which he was made president and is, therefore, today at the head of one of the important productive industries of the city, the output of which, owing to its excellence, finds a ready sale on the market while the reliable business methods of the house insure to the company a continuance of a liberal and growing trade.

In 1893 Mr. Burkhardt was united in marriage in Dayton to Miss Barbara Haas and they have three children: Helen, Irma and Christian William. Mr. Burkhardt belongs to the lodge and chapter in Masonry and is also a member of the German Lutheran church. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in America, nor has he ever felt that the favorable opinion which he formed concerning this land was in any way exaggerated. He did not hold any visionary ideas but realized that industry and perseverance must ever constitute the basis of success and upon those qualities as a foundation he has built the superstructure of his present prosperity.

DAGOBERT A. SCHEIBENZUBER, M. D.

Dr. Dagobert A. Scheibenzuber, devoting his attention to the practice of medicine, in which connection he has displayed considerable power in coping with the intricate problems that continually confront the physician, was born near the Danube in Austria on the 5th of December, 1868. His father, Dr. Anton Scheibenzuber, was a graduate of the University of Vienna and a man of broad scholastic attainment. In 1870 he came with his family to the new world, establishing his home in Hamilton, Ohio, where he practiced medicine for a few years, and then removed to Dayton. For a considerable period he was known as one of the best qualified and most eminent physicians in this state. His death occurred in this city in 1891 at the comparatively early age of forty-nine years.

Dr. D. A. Scheibenzuber was in his second year at the time his parents crossed the Atlantic and was still in his youthful days when the removal was made to Dayton. Here he was reared and pursued his education in public and private schools. When his literary course was completed he took up the study of medicine with his father, and in 1886 became a student in the University of Vienna, where his father had previously been a student. There the son attended lectures for four years and also spent six months in study in Prague. Pursuing his course under some of the most distinguished physicians, surgeons and scientists of the old world, he returned to Dayton well equipped for his chosen profession. In 1891 he was graduated from the Cincinnati School of Medicine & Surgery and has since practiced in Dayton, his ability making him the peer of the ablest representatives of the profession here. He was professor of pathological anatomy and histology at the Cincinnati College of Medicine & Surgery for one year and was the first pathologist appointed for St. Elizabeth Hospital in this city, acting in that capacity for five years. He is now physician and surgeon of St. Joseph's Orphans Home in Dayton and is medical examiner for the Cleveland Life In-

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surance Company in this city and for the American Accident Assurance Company of Pennsylvania. He keeps in touch with the advancement of the profession through his membership in the Ohio State Medical Association and the Montgomery County Medical Society, as well as through private reading and research.

Dr. Scheibenzuber possesses a social nature and genial manner that makes him popular with a large circle of friends that is constantly growing as the circle of his acquaintance broadens. He now belongs to the Einundzwanziger Club of Dayton and of the Telsebal Club.

COLONEL DAVID BRUEN CORWIN.

Not in fortuitous circumstances or a propitious environment lies the cause of success; on the contrary it is inherent in the individual and the man who has determination and who recognizes and utilizes his opportunities may always work his way upward undeterred by any difficulties or obstacles that may arise. Among those prominent in the business circles of Dayton is Colonel David Bruen Corwin, formerly president of the City Railway Company, whose powers of organization and well formulated plans found expression in the establishment and successful control of this company.

When Dayton was a little village with but slight industrial and financial importance Colonel Corwin entered upon the scene of earthly activities here, his natal year being 1839. He was reared, however, in Lebanon, where the family home was maintained for some time. There he spent his youthful days to the age of twenty years and acquired his education as a pupil in the public schools and in the Normal Academy. In March, 1862, he responded to the country's call for aid and became a lieutenant colonel of the Second Regiment of the Indian Brigade, this regiment being composed of Cherokee Indians, who were recruited in southern Kansas and the Indian Territory. Colonel Corwin served for two years with the Army of the Frontier, being engaged in suppressing the movements of the guerrillas and lawless characters in that section of the country. His valor and efficiency won him promotion to the rank of colonel of the Fifth Regiment of the Indian Brigade but only three hundred troops were recruited and they were then consolidated with another regiment so that he was not in active command in that capacity. He participated in the battle of Prairie Grove and in a number of minor engagements in the southwest and was mustered out in 1864.

At the close of his military service Colonel Corwin returned to Dayton and took up the study of law in the office of his father, while later he continued his reading as a law student with the well known firm of Taft, Sage & Haacke, of Cincinnati, at the same time attending the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1866. The same year he was admitted to the bar and, returning to Dayton, opened an office for practice, entering into partnership with his brother Quincy Corwin. The following year he was elected city solicitor of

Dayton and was reelected in 1869, serving in that office for two terms or four years.

In the meantime Colonel Corwin had become recognized as a strong and influential factor in political circles, becoming one of the leading workers in the ranks of the republican party. In 1873 he was elected to the state senate, where he served for one term and then declined a second nomination. He afterward twice served as city solicitor by appointment and his official record was at all times characterized by prompt and businesslike discharge of the duties of the office but his aspirations were never in political lines and in more recent years he has preferred to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs.

About 1880 Colonel Corwin became secretary of the Fifth Street Railway Company on its organization and subsequently was elected president of that company. In 1893 the City Railway Company was organized and the Third Street and Fifth Street Railways, the Dayton & Soldiers' Home and Green lines of the city were consolidated under the new management. Colonel Corwin was active in forming and executing the plans leading to this result and was elected to the presidency of the company, in which capacity he was retained, displaying marked ability in administrative direction and executive control, until his retirement June 8, 1909. The interests of the company have ever been managed in accordance with the most progressive ideas of urban transportation and the business views and judgment of Colonel Corwin were ever an influencing factor in the company's affairs.

In 1895 in South Dakota Colonel Corwin was married to Miss Jessie Bitzer. He belongs to Old Guard Post, G. A. R., of Dayton and to the Loyal Legion, thus maintaining his interest in military affairs. He is also connected with the Dayton City Club and the Bicycle Club and is recognized as an ardent republican although he takes no active part in politics at the present time. Correctly judging his own capacities and powers and recognizing also the possibilities and the limitations of others he has been enabled to surround himself with an able corps of assistants in his business life and has wrought along lines that have brought him substantial results. He is president of the Cooper Insurance Company and a director of the Dayton Gas Light Company.

LOUIS L. WEHNER.

Louis L. Wehner, secretary and treasurer of the Dayton Breweries Company, was born in the city which is still his home on the 26th of December, 1865. His youthful days were here passed and his education was acquired in the public schools but at the age of sixteen years he put aside his text-books and learned the carpenter's trade which he followed for three years. In 1888 on the organization of the Schantz & Schwind Brewery he became its bookkeeper, having in the meantime pursued courses of study at the night session of the Miami Commercial College, leading to his graduation with the class of 1887. He was thus well qualified for the duties which he assumed in connection with the newly organized brewery, with which he remained as bookkeeper for seven years when,

upon the death of L. A. Schwind, he was made collector and so served until August, 1900.

At that time Mr. Wehner purchased the Pioneer Brewery at the corner of Wayne avenue and Hickory street and at once erected a new brewing plant at the corner of Concord and Scovil street. There he began business in January, 1902, making his first sales from the new plant in March, 1902, at the same time conducting the Pioneer Brewery. Gradually he has extended his interests, having in 1901 purchased the John F. Oehlschlager Bottling Works and in the same year purchased the Alther Ale Brewery, after which he dismantled the last two and also the Pioneer Brewery and concentrated his energies upon other interests. On the 1st of March, 1904, the Wehner Brewing Company was merged with the Dayton Breweries Company and Mr. Wehner was chosen secretary and treasurer. He is also vice president and treasurer of the Dayton Base Ball Club Company, which he and Adam Schantz with others bought out.

On the 7th of August, 1888, Mr. Wehner was married in Dayton to Miss Clara E. Linnemann and they have two children: Erma J. and Adiel. The family residence is at 542 West Second street, Dayton, and their summer home is a bungalow at Seven Knolls. Mr. Wehner is well known in social circles and club life. He holds membership with the Elks and Owls, the Cosmopolitan, the Marquette and the Dayton Gymnastic Clubs and lodge No. 3 of the United Commercial Travelers. He is also a member of the Sacred Heart church. In his business he displays excellent executive force and strong powers of organization and his well formulated plans are manifest in the excellent results which have attended his efforts.

WILLIAM C. MENDENHALL, M. D.

Dr. William C. Mendenhall, who since April, 1891, has practiced medicine in Trotwood, is numbered among the leading and successful representatives of the profession in Montgomery county. He was born in Darke county, Ohio, September 15, 1858, a son of Samuel and Catharine (Teeter) Mendenhall. His grandfather, Marmaduke Mendenhall, was one of the early settlers of Preble county, this state, where he passed away. Samuel Mendenhall, the father of our subject, followed the profession of school teaching in early manhood and later became a merchant at Woodington, Darke county. His family numbered eight children, namely: Hannah E., deceased; Susan M.; Franklin F., who is a resident of Edwards, Indiana; William C., of this review; Samuel M.; Mary C.; and Calvin C. and Alvin L., twins, the latter being an attorney at Decatur, Illinois.

William C. Mendenhall attended the country schools near Woodington, Darke county, and during the periods of vacation worked on various farms in the neighborhood. When but sixteen years of age he began teaching school and was thus engaged for seventeen years, acting as superintendent of schools in West Manchester, New Madison and Clarksville during the last seven years of his connection with educational interests. It was at the last named place that he took up the study of medicine, reading under the direction of Dr. Garland, of

Clarksville, while subsequently he entered the Medical College of Ohio of which institution he is a graduate. In April, 1891, he came to Trotwood, where he has since prosecuted his profession with gratifying success, his skill and ability in his chosen calling being attested by the liberal and growing patronage that is accorded him. He is an active member of the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medical Association and the American Medical Association, thus keeping in close touch with the onward march of the fraternity.

On the 20th of December, 1884, Dr. Mendenhall was united in marriage to Miss Martha A. Hapner, of West Sonora, Ohio, a daughter of James B. and Mary (Fleck) Hapner, the former being a very prominent agriculturist. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Mendenhall were born two children, as follows: Opal, who is deceased; and Russell L., a high school student.

Fraternally Dr. Mendenhall is connected with the Odd Fellows Lodge, No. 510, of Dayton, Ohio, the Modern Woodmen of America, No. 7939, of Trotwood, and the Knights of the Golden Eagle, No. 115, of Dayton. He and his family are consistent and faithful members of the Christian church and have a large circle of friends who hold them in the highest esteem.

WEBSTER W. SHUEY.

One of the best known, most prominent and successful law firms of Dayton is that of Rowe, Shuey, Matthews & James. The ability of him whose name introduces this review has contributed to the enviable reputation which the firm enjoys. He is, moreover, entitled to representation in this volume as one of the county's native sons, his birth having occurred in Germantown, Ohio, March 11, 1849. He represents one of the old families of the county, his grandparents living here during the early part of the nineteenth century. His father, William A. Shuey, was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1822 and retained his residence here throughout his entire life. He lived in Germantown for a considerable period but in 1851 removed with his family to Dayton.

Webster W. Shuey was at that time but two years of age and in the schools of this city he largely acquired his education but supplemented his preparation for the bar by a year's study in the Harvard Law School. On the 26th of May, 1871, he was admitted to practice in the courts of Ohio and located in Germantown, where he remained for a year. Returning to Dayton he then entered the law office of Gunckel & Rowe and so continued for several years after which he became a member of the firm of Gunckel, Rowe & Shuey. On the retirement of the senior partner the firm name of Rowe & Shuey was assumed and on the 7th of January, 1907, L. W. James was admitted while on the 1st of April, 1907, the present firm of Rowe, Shuey, Matthews & James was formed. Since admitted to practice in the courts of Ohio Mr. Shuey has proved his worth in the conduct of important litigated interests, preparing always for defense as well as for attack and thus he is never surprised by the position of the opponent. His knowledge of law and precedent are salient forces in his success while in the

presentation of his cause he gives to every point relative thereto its due prominence.

Mr. Shuey was married in 1872 in this city to Miss Hattie E. McCain, and they now have two sons and three daughters, namely: I. Byrdella Plattenburg, Edward W. Shuey, May Belle Thornburg, Harriet Edna Scranton and Wilbur W. Shuey. They also lost one child in infancy. The parents hold membership in the Raper Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Shuey is a trustee. He votes with the republican party and is interested in the vital questions of the day, but the demands of a growing law practice have left him little time for active participation in political affairs even had he so desired. He has always regarded the practice of law as his real life work and in this connection his labors have brought him to a position of prominence at the Dayton bar.

COLONEL HERBERT G. CATROW.

Colonel Herbert G. Catrow is well known as a leader in military, political and social circles in Miamisburg, and has left the impress of his individuality upon many lines of public thought and action. He was born in that city December 11, 1871, and is a son of N. J. and Malissa (Groby) Catrow, the former the president of the First National Bank of Miamisburg. Reared under the parental roof Colonel Catrow attended the public schools until 1886 and then went to Lawrenceville, New Jersey, where he entered the Lawrenceville Preparatory School. He afterward attended the Pennsylvania Military College at Chester, Pennsylvania, and was graduated with the class of 1893.

On the completion of his course he entered the employ of the City of Philadelphia in the capacity of civil engineer and there continued until 1896. During that time he became interested in personally conducted foreign tours and remained in that business until 1898, when he returned to his Ohio home. In October of the same year he was elected cashier of the First National Bank and continued in that position until August, 1909, when he resigned. In a place of executive control he capably managed the interests of an important moneyed institution and inaugurated a safe conservative policy that made his name an honored one on financial paper and in financial circles. His personal investments are large and he is interested in many local enterprises which have been of material benefit to the city and state. His judgment is sound, his enterprise keen and forceful and, carefully formulating his plans, he carries them forward to successful completion.

On the 31st of January, 1894, Colonel Catrow was united in marriage to Miss May Johnson, a native of Chester, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of D. M. and Margaret (Brow) Johnson. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Catrow have been born three children: John Newton, Margaret Elizabeth and David Johnson. Theirs is one of the attractive and hospitable homes of Miamisburg, a cordial welcome ever being extended to their many friends.

Colonel Catrow won his title in connection with the Ohio National Guard. In November, 1899, he was elected first lieutenant of Company G of the Third

Infantry and was elected captain of Company H of the Third Infantry on the 10th of April, 1900. On the 5th of July of the same year he became major of the Third Infantry and on the 21st of November, 1904, was elected colonel, with which rank he is still serving. He is prominently known in the military circles of the state and is very popular with officers and men. In politics he has been a life-long republican, active in the local ranks of the party and at one time was a candidate for congress but resigned before the time of election. He, therefore, wields a wide influence in political circles, his opinions carrying weight in the councils of his party.

He is a valued and exemplary representative of the Masonic fraternity and was for seven years master of Minerva Lodge, No. 98, F. & A. M. He has also been high priest of Trinity Chapter, No. 44, R. A. M., belongs to Council Reese, R. & S. M., of Dayton; and to Reed Commandery, K. T.; and to the Consistory at Dayton. He has likewise crossed the sands of the desert with the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, holding membership in Antioch Temple at Dayton. He likewise belongs to the Knights of Pythias lodge, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Junior Order of American Mechanics, while his church relationship is with the Lutheran denomination. He is one of the popular, prominent and valued citizens of Miamisburg, where his genial manner, his freedom from ostentation, his business reliability and his genuine personal worth have gained him friendship, confidence and regard. While he is now ranked among the capitalists of this part of the state, he does not hold himself aloof from his fellows but is always genial and approachable, and true worth can always win his friendship.

JOHN S. GREENWALD.

John S. Greenwald, of Harrison township, Montgomery county, Ohio, holds perhaps the most prominent place among the fruit growers of this section, for the farm on which he makes his home is a tract of one hundred and ten acres of excellent land, lying about three and a half miles north of Dayton. The paternal grandfather, John Greenwald, was a successful farmer in Germany, and though he came to this country on a visit, he could not be persuaded to remain, but returned to his native land where he died. His son, Michael, the father of the subject of the sketch, came from Germany to Dayton, Ohio, when a young man. He had received all of his education in the land of his birth and had also had some experience as a farmer. He settled at first in Darke county, Ohio, but later removed to Logansport, Indiana, where our subject was born. In his early manhood Michael Greenwald had married Miss Annie B. Sauers, and the union was blessed with five children: Annie, Elizabeth, John, Sarah and Lydia. With the exception of Annie, who is in Alberta, Canada, the children are all living in this county.

John S. Greenwald was born in Logansport, Indiana, January 1, 1863. He received the first lessons of life at home and from the schools of the county derived his first insight into education. With him, as with many boys raised in the country, work on the farm went hand in hand with school lessons; it was

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a wholesome combination, for it inculcated those habits of industry and application which have proved invaluable to him since going out into the world to make his own way. His experiences in making his own living differed little at the first from those of the average young man who starts out to fight and win his own battles, but his industry soon enabled him to acquire some real estate in Dayton. Later, by dint of hard work and good management he was able to accummulate sufficient to purchase his present fine farm.

On the 30th of November, 1890, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Greenwald to Miss Maggie M. LeCompte, of Dayton. Two children, Estella and J. Frederick, both in school, have been born to the couple. The family attend the Shiloh Christian church, of Harrison township, of which Mr. Greenwald is a trustee, and are very active in promoting its interests and work. The house in which they make their home is a very pretty building, attractively situated among a number of fine trees, and is but one of a group of buildings that are pleasing and kept in the best condition.

Mr. Greenwald has improved his heritage as a descendent of a stalwart race of men. He is one of those who wins to the fore ranks in whatever they undertake, as the success of his fruit farming demonstrates; and his fortune is the sweeter in that it has been attained by his own efforts and not through the misfortune of others and brings with it the good will and not the dislike of those who know him. Being a man whose days are given up to hard work, he seeks his rest and diversion in the heart of a united family.

CHARLES McNELLY.

Charles McNelly, who is identified with the educational interests of Montgomery county as a teacher of district school No. 3 in Madison township, also owns a good farm of twenty-five acres on the Wolf Creek pike, about three miles west of Trotwood. He was born on the old McNelly homestead, which is located near his present farm, on the 30th of April, 1865, his parents being Daniel and Catharine (Shank) McNelly. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, was also a native of this county and became well and prominently known within its borders. His family numbered ten children, namely: Warren; Calvin; Clara; Martha, who is deceased; Charles, of this review; Elizabeth and Katie, who have also passed away; Edward; Althea; and Rilla.

Charles McNelly pursued his preliminary education in the school in which he is now engaged in teaching and in fact received practically all of his mental training in Madison township, though he also attended Otterbein College at Westerville, Ohio. He is widely recognized as a successful educator, imparting clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired and by his zeal and enthusiasm inspiring his pupils to do their best at all times. As stated above, he is also the owner of an excellent farm of twenty-five acres on the Wolf Creek pike and is well known and highly esteemed as a substantial, public-spirited and representative citizen of his native county.

On the 25th of June, 1899, Mr. McNelly was united in marriage to Miss Emma C. Weidman, a daughter of Gottlieb and Barbara (Guehring) Weidman, who were natives of Germany and, crossing the Atlantic to the United States, took up their abode in Montgomery county. Mr. McNelly is a consistent member of the United Brethren church and has gained a wide and favorable acquaintance throughout the county in which his entire life has been spent, while his many sterling characteristics have gained him kindly regard and warm friendships.

CHARLES A. KLINE.

Charles A. Kline figures prominently in the business circles of Liberty as a member of the firm of Kline Brothers, general merchants, and also as the secretary of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Montgomery county. He was born in Perry township, this county, on the 13th of April, 1863, and is a son of Peter and Mary A. (Lehman) Kline. The father was a native of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, while the mother's birth occurred in Montgomery county, Ohio. He was a farmer by occupation and devoted many years to general agricultural pursuits but also conducted a hotel at Johnsville for about ten years. He died in 1879 while his wife passed away in 1894.

Charles A. Kline supplemented his early education, pursued in the public schools of this county, by study in the Northern Indiana Normal School at Valparaiso. In 1887 he began teaching in Jefferson township and for twenty-one years has been engaged in educational work in that township, contributing in large measure to the intellectual development of the community. For seven years he was principal of the schools at Liberty and, imparting readily, concisely and clearly to others the knowledge he had acquired, his work was eminently satisfactory to all concerned. In 1908 he purchased a general store in Liberty and now conducts the enterprise in connection with his brother Harvey C. Kline under the firm style of Kline Brothers. They carry a well selected line of goods, tastefully and attractively arranged and Charles A. Kline owns the store building in which the business is conducted. A man of resourceful ability he has not confined his attention to either commercial or professional interests but has extended his labors and since the 12th of May, 1902, has been secretary of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery county. This was organized July 14, 1877, and has had a continuously successful existence since that time. The business has grown year by year and the total amount of policies in force on the 1st of December, 1908, was seven million, two hundred and fifty-seven thousand and two hundred and seventy-five dollars. Policies to the amount of almost two million dollars were written in 1908 and the total amount of policies in force on the 1st of January, 1909, amounted to seven million, eight hundred and thirty-seven thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars.

Mr. Kline has also figured in political circles and public affairs and his record has at all times been characterized by devotion to the general good. He was appointed postmaster of Liberty on the 1st of April, 1905, and is, therefore, filling the office at the present writing. He has also been township assessor for

the past three years, serving now for the second term. He is likewise the local manager of the United Home Telephone Company, in which capacity he has served since 1905.

On the 1st of September, 1898, Mr. Kline was married to Miss Daisy E. Watson, a daughter of John W. and Elizabeth Watson. Her father was a farmer but is now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Kline have one child, Robert Earl, born July 4, 1899. The parents are members of the Brethren church at Bear Creek and are actively interested in its work, Mr. Kline serving as secretary of the board of trustees for the past fifteen years. For many years he has been a valued representative of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and is loyal to its teachings and its purposes.

FRANK W. HOWELL.

Frank W. Howell, attorney-at-law, practicing at the Dayton bar as a member of the firm of Powell & Howell, was born on a farm in Montgomery county, June 17, 1869. He was there reared and for six years attended the country schools, while spending his youthful days in the home of his father, W. F. Howell. He traces his ancestry back to Jonathan Howell, his great-great-grandfather, who was a native of Wales but left that little rock-ribbed country with four brothers to establish a home in America. He located in Maryland where he conducted business as a trader. At the time of the Revolutionary war his interests were on the side of the American troops and he aided in winning national independence. Throughout the period of his residence in America he made his home in Maryland and there passed away. Lampkin Howell, the great-grandfather, was for many years a resident of Maryland and later of Bracken county, Kentucky, where he died when his son, John M. Howell, was nine years of age. His old home place in that locality is still known as the Howell farm.

John M. Howell, grandfather of Frank W. Howell, was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, and in early life followed blacksmithing but afterward gave his attention to agricultural pursuits. At his father's death he became a resident of Clermont county, Ohio, where he spent his remaining days. He wedded Mary M. Fee, a native of Clermont county and a daughter of Elijah Fee, who became one of the early settlers of that county and was well known in pioneer times as a farmer, justice of the peace and local preacher. He died in Clermont county when more than sixty years of age. His daughter, Mary, became the wife of John M. Howell and they continued their residence in Clermont county until called to their final rest, Mr. Howell passing away in 1877 in his seventy-first year, while his wife died at the age of eighty-four. They were consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal church and throughout the community in which they lived were known as people of the highest respectability and sterling worth. Their family numbered nine children including William F. Howell, who was reared in Clermont county, Ohio, and remained on the home farm until he was twenty years of age when he became a student in a commercial college in

Cincinnati. For ten years he was connected with business interests in that city and in 1859 took up his abode on a farm three miles west of Dayton, where he still lives. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party. He has been well known as a representative business man, acting as a director of the Home Avenue Railroad and also of the Teutonia National Bank. He was at one time owner of one-hundred and seventy-five acres of land and still retains one hundred acres. He was married July 9, 1857, to Miss Sarah C. Applegate, a daughter of James and Mary (Snyder) Applegate, the former connected with the Applegate Publishing Company of Cincinnati, while for many years he was a prominent and influential citizen of Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. William F. Howell are members of the Methodist Episcopal church. He is still living on the old home farm at the age of eighty-two years and receives the veneration and respect which should ever be accorded to one of advanced years, whose life record has at all times been honorable and upright. Unto him and his wife were born four sons and a daughter: Joseph A., deceased; John W., who married Miss Anna Fee; Thomas E., who wedded Miss Elizabeth Blackwell; Frank Webster; and Mary.

After completing his district school education Frank W. Howell entered the central high school of Dayton, from which he was graduated in 1886. He afterward spent two years in a private school and in 1889 continued his studies in the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, completing the course there by graduation with the class of 1893, at which time the Bachelor of Science degree was conferred upon him. He pursued his legal studies in the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1895, coming immediately afterward to Dayton, where he entered upon active practice. In 1898 he formed his present partnership, becoming junior member of the firm of Powell & Howell. He is filling the office of United States commissioner and in his law work is making steady advancement.

Mr. Howell was married in Dayton to Miss Beatrice M. Sonders and they have three daughters: Kathryn, Beatrice and Pauline. Mr. Howell belongs to the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and gives his political allegiance to the republican party but at no time has he ever been identified with secret orders. With laudable ambition to advance in his profession he feels that his time must largely be given to his work in this connection and his diligent research and study in the office always well qualifies him for the presentation of his case before court or jury.

GEORGE W. HARTZELL.

The simple weight of his character and ability has carried George W. Hartzell into important commercial relations and he is now conducting an extensive and profitable business as a wholesale dealer in hardwood lumber in Dayton. He was born in Union City, Indiana, in 1869 and in 1880 his parents removed to Greenville, Ohio, where he acquired a common school education. He turned his attention to the manufacture of hardwood lumber in 1882, in Greenville, Ohio,

and in 1904 he came to Dayton but still retains large interests in Greenville. The plant, which is located in Piqua, Ohio, is devoted exclusively to the manufacture of walnut plank, boards, panels and veneers; also a line of black walnut furniture. Because of the durability and rarity of this wood and its possibilities for taking a high polish it has become one of the most valuable woods today used in furniture manufacture and Mr. Hartzell's business is now of an important character and brings to him substantial, annual profit. He is also the president of The American Wagon Stock & Walnut Company at Piqua, Ohio.

Mr. Hartzell was married in 1890 in Greenville, Ohio, to Miss Deborah Norris, a daughter of Robert Norris, a United Brethren minister who for twenty-five years devoted his life to the work of the church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Hartzell have been born three children, Ruth V., Robert N. and Rose V. The parents are connected with the United Brethren, their membership being in the Oak street church. In his political views Mr. Hartzell is a republican but political preferment has little or no attraction for him. He is, however, serving on the school board of the village of Oakwood, a suburb of Dayton, where he maintains his home. In all matters relative to the general welfare he is interested and in as far as possible cooperates in movements for the public good. His business, however, is making increasing demands upon his time and energies for his trade is constantly growing in volume and importance. He is classed with the representative business men of Dayton although his residence here covers a period of but five years, and he enjoys the respect and unqualified regard of his colleagues and associates.

CONRAD J. SCHMIDT.

It is a trite saying that there is always room at the top and yet its truth is continually manifest in the business world where the men who are in control of affairs are ever seeking competent assistance. Intelligence, energy and perseverance are ever effective and forceful factors in winning advancement and have been the salient factors in the record of Conrad J. Schmidt, who stands today as one of the foremost representatives of his profession in Ohio, being now chief departmental examiner of accounts in Dayton.

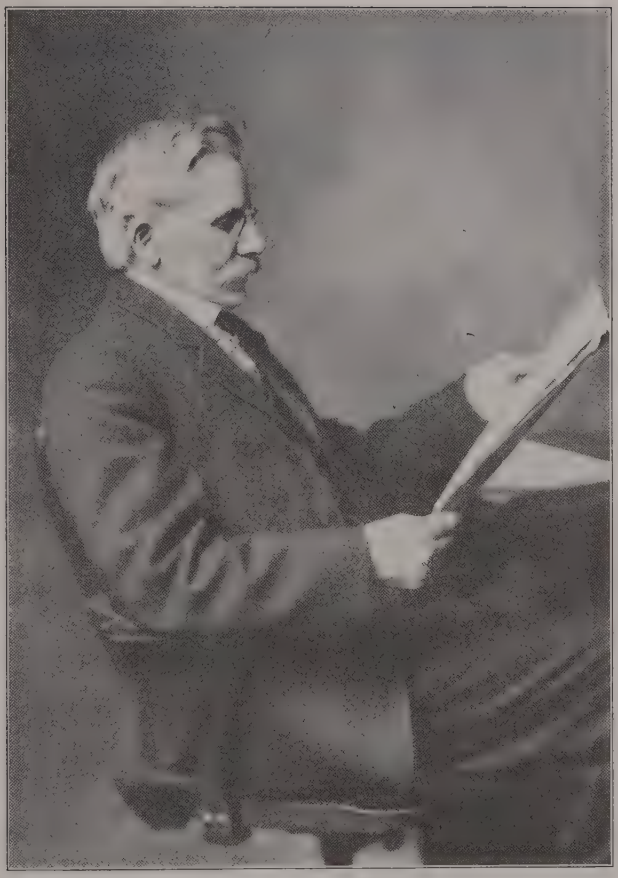
He was born in Canton Solothurn, Switzerland, November 26, 1858, and was brought to the new world in 1860, so that his training was distinctively American. Since 1861 he has been a resident of Dayton and here acquired his education in the public and parochial schools but put aside his text-books at the age of twelve years in order to enter business life and provide for his own support. He began learning the cigarmaker's trade, which he followed for twenty years, in the employ of others, during which time he became familiar with the business in principle and detail. His long experience and efficiency well qualified him to carry on business on his own account when, in 1883, he established a cigar manufactory which he conducted successfully until 1894. In that year he was appointed deputy county treasurer under Thomas A. Selz and served for four years or two terms. On retiring from office he became bookkeeper for the Stillwell, Bierce & Smithvaile Company, with which he was connected until that corporation was succeeded

by the Platt Iron Works, of which he became chief accountant and so continued until December, 1907, when he was appointed chief departmental examiner of accounts of Dayton and has since acceptably filled the position. He has also done other important public service. In November, 1907, he was elected a member of the board of education, was made a member of its finance committee and in January, 1909, was elected its president, in which connection he has labored earnestly and effectively for the interests of the schools. His political support is given to the democratic party and he is active in promoting its interests and securing the adoption of its principles.

In 1880 Mr. Schmidt was married in Piqua, Ohio, to Miss Theresa M. Schunk, and they now have three children: Edgar C., Helen J. and Thekla L. Mr. Schmidt belongs to both the subordinate lodge and uniform rank of the Knights of Pythias, in which he has become major. He is also affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and is a worthy exemplar of the craft. He possesses a genial nature and an unfailing courtesy which render him a favorite in social circles and he has many friends in the city where he has maintained his residence for forty-eight years.

JOHN KIRBY, JR.

John Kirby, Jr., organizer and since its inception general manager of the Dayton Manufacturing Company, is a splendid example of that class of men who by sheer force of energy and ability have made their way toward success without any special advantages at the outset of their career. Learning valuable lessons in the practical school of affairs, he has turned each experience to good account and with keen sagacity has recognized and improved the opportunities of the business world until in his chosen field of labor he has become a recognized leader. At the same time business to him has been but one phase of existence never excluding his active participation in and support of the other vital interests which go to make up life. A native of Troy, New York, Mr. Kirby was born May 16, 1850, and in that city passed his first seventeen years, acquiring his education in the public schools. He sought the opportunity of providing for his own support when but twelve years of age, at which time he secured a position at tapping stove nuts in a stove works at Waterford, New York, where he remained for about six months. As there were no street cars in those days he was obliged to walk a distance of four miles night and morning to and from his work. When a half year had thus passed he entered the service of a photographer at Troy, New York, as errand boy and in the course of two or two and a half years was advanced to the position of photographer printer and toner. Five years' connection with the photographic business was terminated by his removal to Grand Rapids, Michigan, in the fall of 1867 and there he was employed by an elder brother in repairing and manufacturing jewelry. In the summer of 1869 he engaged with the Illinois Manufacturing Company of Chicago and since that time has been closely associated with the manufacture of railway brass and bronze supplies. That connection gave him intimate and comprehensive knowledge of the business and he thereby became qualified for the conduct of a similar



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enterprise on his own account. In December, 1870, the Illinois Manufacturing Company removed its plant to Adrian, Michigan, and Mr. Kirby went with it. While there residing, he was instrumental in organizing the Working Men's Mutual Aid Association which became a strong, influential and very beneficent organization in that community.

On the 1st of August, 1875, Mr. Kirby accepted a position with Post & Company of Cincinnati, Ohio, as superintendent of the works of that concern, also engaged in the manufacture of railway brass and bronze supplies. He spent about eight years with that service, during which period his increased salary and careful expenditure combined to bring his sufficient capital to enable him in January, 1883, to organize the Dayton Manufacturing Company, and as its general manager, begin the manufacture of goods of the same character. He has since been in active control of the plant and his executive ability, mechanical skill and keen business discrimination have been the salient features in the success which has crowned the enterprise, making it one of the foremost productive industries of the city. It has been a successful venture from the start and its ramifying trade interests now reach out to a large territory.

Mr. Kirby's resourceful ability has been further demonstrated in his connection with other business concerns. For fifteen years he was the president of another large manufacturing corporation, is vice president and director of two mining companies, a director in another mining company and a member of the board of directors of two manufacturing companies. At all times his judgment has been found to be strong and reliable and the course that he has pursued has awakened the admiration and respect of his contemporaries and his colleagues. During his residence in Dayton he has cooperated in large and helpful measure with various movements inculcated for the benefit of the city along the line of its industrial and commercial development. In 1898 he was elected president of the Dayton board of trade, which position he filled for eight years or until the organization was merged into the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. He is now acting as a member of the executive committee of the latter and has been a cooperant factor in forming and executing many plans which has been directly beneficial to the city. Mr. Kirby was among the first to recognize the necessity of an organization of employers for the purpose of resisting encroachments of labor unions on the rights of employers and non-union men and restraining their excesses. He assisted in organizing the Dayton Employers' Association in 1900 and was elected president, which position he still fills. As this association was the first local organization of men engaged in all kinds of business, manufacturing, building, mercantile, etc., and is two years older than any other similar organization in the country, it is evident that Mr. Kirby anticipated the future in this important matter and met it with characteristic prudence and wisdom.

He served as member of the Administrative Council of the National Metal Trades Association for five years, ending in 1908, and was one of the twelve men who organized the Citizens Industrial Association of America in 1904, since which time he has been a member of its executive committee.

The welfare of the public in all matters of business, charity and philanthropy finds an advocate and champion in this prominent citizen of Dayton. His time, influence and money are always at the disposal of the city's public-spirited and

humanitarian enterprises, and were employed in the building of the Dayton Young Men's Christian Association which was recently erected at an expense of five hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Kirby was chosen chairman of the committee of one hundred which was charged with the responsibility of financing the proposition, also a member of the building committee. The dedicatory address was delivered by President Taft last year.

Mr. Kirby was one of the first and foremost advocates of a tariff commission and was elected a member of the executive committee of the committee of one hundred which was appointed by the tariff commission convention, held in Indianapolis last February, for the promotion of a tariff commission.

The early lesson of the success which follows industry and economy was not lost on Mr. Kirby, but has influenced his actions through life. This conviction of the duty and interests of the wage-earning class, combined with his experience with fellow workmen as members of the workingmen's association at Adrian, led him to believe that the present form of trades-unionism is not promotive of the best interests of workmen or the community. As a friend to workingmen he saw the abuses to which they were subjected and deemed it a duty to oppose what he regarded as an abuse by labor leaders and a menace to our form of government. Since that time he has led in the movement against organized labor as represented by the American Federation of Labor, the injunction obtained by his company against the Metal Polishers' Union being one of the first and most important of actions of this character. He has been a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Manufacturers for the past six years, and was recently elected president of this largest, most representative and influential organization of business men in the country.

On the 25th of October, 1871, occurred the marriage of John Kirby, Jr., and Miss Marietta Smith Filkins, of Troy, New York, a daughter of Chester A. Filkins. They have two children, Edward Rollin and Marietta A. The former, who is carrying on a sales agency business in Cleveland, was married to Katharine Irwine, of New York city, and they have two children, aged twenty-eight and six months, respectively. The daughter, Marietta A., is now the wife of Hon. William H. Speer, judge of the circuit court of Jersey City, New Jersey, and they have three children, nine, five years and sixteen months, respectively.

In politics Mr. Kirby is a republican, deeply interested in the party and its success. He has used his influence to further its interests and is a stalwart champion of its recognized principles. Whatever his hand has found to do he has done with his might and with a sense of conscientious obligation. His success in business has been notable. From the beginning he has studied closely the possibilities of the business which he organized and has wrought along new lines, manifesting that initiative spirit which passes beyond the methods in use and brings out new processes that are based upon wide experience and practical skill. The business of the company has been developed until it is one of the important and valuable industries of Dayton, the growth of the enterprise being attributable in large measure to the efforts of Mr. Kirby, who manifests keen discernment and far-sighted business sagacity. The same spirit prompts him in his cooperation with those movements which have direct bearing upon the municipal progress. In an analyzation of his career it is found that the subjective and objec-

tive forces of his life are well balanced, making him cognizant of his own capabilities and powers while at the same time he thoroughly understands his opportunities and his obligations. To make his native talents subserve the demands which conditions of society impose at the present time is the purpose of his life.

DANIEL W. KLEPINGER.

Daniel W. Klepinger, superintendent of the Harrison township public schools of Montgomery county, was born October 7, 1862, in Madison township and represents one of the oldest families of the county. It is known that John Klepinger was the ancestor of the Klepinger people. He was born in Germany January 31, 1774. On the 31st of December, 1799, he married Elizabeth Benkard, who also was born in Germany. Unto this union were born ten children. The two oldest were George, who was born October 19, 1800; and John, born May 26, 1802. All of the Klepingers now living in Montgomery county are descendants of these two sons. John Klepinger, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, and his wife removed with their family from Pennsylvania, where they first settled after coming to this country, to Ohio in 1815 and settled on a farm in Madison township, Montgomery county. Later they removed to Indiana, locating near Lafayette on the Tippecanoe battleground. This John Klepinger died October 12, 1833.

Daniel W. Klepinger was a grandson of the second son of the above mentioned union and is the third child in a family of six children born unto Newton and Sarah Klepinger. His boyhood days were spent on the farm in Madison township, a mile southeast of Trotwood. While a boy he did such work as naturally falls to the lot of a farm lad, working diligently in the fields through the summer months, while in the fall he entered the rural school, therein pursuing his studies until with the return of spring he was again obliged to assist in the farm work.

Determining to become a teacher, Mr. Klepinger entered the Ohio Normal university at Ada in the fall of 1882. After spending thirty weeks in this university, he began to teach in subdistrict No. 9, Madison township, then known as the Keener school. Two years later he temporarily gave up teaching for further study and was graduated from the university at Ada in 1888. Since that time he has been continually engaged in the profession of teaching, having had charge of elementary schools in Harrison, Jefferson and Van Buren townships. After which he served as superintendent of Washington township for two years and of Madison township for four years. During the past ten years he has been superintendent of the Harrison township schools. He has always regarded the profession of teaching as a very responsible but also as a delightful one.

Under his supervision the high schools of both Madison and Harrison townships were placed upon a firm foundation. As an educator he has done excellent work, holding to high ideals and continually seeking out new methods to improve the schools and enhance the grade of work done therein. On the

1st of September, 1908, he was appointed a member of the county board of school examiners for a term of three years.

In 1892 Daniel W. Klepinger and Jennie May Miller were united in marriage and unto them were born five children, one son having died in infancy. The others are: Miriam Edna, Troy Emerson, Robert Miller and Evangeline. The family home is now in Harrison township near Dayton.

Mr. Klepinger has thus far spent his life in this county, giving his attention to educational work. He has displayed much ability to impart readily and clearly to others and the power which he has manifested as an organizer have made the schools under his supervision of the highest grade.

H. J. DREESE.

In a review of Ohio's history one must be impressed with the fact that the development of its coal fields has been a most potent source of its commercial strength and substantial upbuilding. Closely associated with its mining interests, H. J. Dreese is now treasurer of the S. J. Patterson Coal Company, secretary and treasurer of the White Star Mining Company and Weyanoke Coal and Coke Company, the Tom Corwin Coal Company and the Gulf Coal Company. In these various connections his keen business insight and executive ability have constituted forceful factors in his success.

Mr. Dreese is a native of Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred near Perryville, January 25, 1863. His parents were Joseph and Amelia (Freed) Dreese. The father was born in Beavertown, Pennsylvania, in 1838, and the mother's birth occurred there in 1842. They are still living and enjoying good health. Joseph Dreese engaged in farming until his removal to Dayton about twenty years ago and is now stockkeeper for the Reynolds & Reynolds Printing Company. Both he and his wife are members of the English Lutheran church. Their family numbers two children. The younger, Mary, lives at home. She, too, is a member of the First English Lutheran church.

The elder is H. J. Dreese of this review. His educational opportunities were only those offered by the common schools and he is a self-made man, being both the architect and builder of his own fortunes. He acquired his business education in the Eastman Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, New York, and remained upon the farm until coming to Dayton on the 30th of March, 1882, at which time he accepted the position of weight clerk and office boy with S. J. Patterson. In the intervening period, covering twenty-seven years, he has been continuously connected with S. J. Patterson, his ability winning him successive promotions until he became confidential secretary. In 1908 the business was reorganized as an incorporated company and Mr. Dreese became its treasurer. They conduct a wholesale coal business. Mr. Dreese is interested in mines in West Virginia and Ohio. Their main office is in Dayton with branch offices and selling agencies in Chicago and Detroit. They ship to all points of the United States east of the Mississippi river and their business has reached Mammoth proportions. The Weyanoke Coal and Coke Company's mine at Giatto,

West Virginia, has a capacity of from ten hundred to fifteen hundred tons of Pocahontas coal per day, and the Gulf Coal Company's mine, now being developed in West Virginia, will also be a very large mine.

Mr. Dreese has been married twice. He first wedded Ella B. Harris, on the 25th of September, 1887, and to them was born one child, Burns H., whose birth occurred January 21, 1898, and who is now attending the Dayton schools. Mrs. Dreese was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, a daughter of H. C. Harris. Her mother passed away about five years ago and Mrs. Dreese died on Christmas day of 1907. For his second wife Mr. Dreese chose Mrs. John C. Axe, of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, whom he wedded January 6, 1909. She is a daughter of William Johnson, a retired shoe merchant of Lewistown, Pennsylvania, who is now deceased. Her mother, however, is still living. She has one brother, Thomas S., and a sister, Marie H., who are residents of Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Mr. Dreese is prominent in Masonry, having attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the United Commercial Travelers, and both he and his wife hold membership in the Grace Methodist Episcopal church. A man of high intellectual and moral worth, he is prominent in the business circles of the city, possessing that strength of character which comes from the development of one's native powers and talents in harmony with the principles of honorable manhood.

BENJAMIN W. McCLARY.

Montgomery county has been signally favored in the class of men who have occupied her public offices, for with few exceptions they have been citizens of sterling worth, devoted to the best interests of the community at large and placing the public welfare before personal aggrandizement. To this class belongs Benjamin W. McClary, now serving as county recorder. He was born at Pemberton, Shelby county, Ohio, February 12, 1864, and in 1869 was brought to Dayton by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. McClary. His great-grandfather was a native of Scotland and became the founder of the family in the new world. The grandfather, John McClary, Sr., was born in New Jersey in 1806 and died in that state in 1886. His son, John B. McClary was born in Asbury county, New Jersey, in 1837, and in early life became a resident of Ohio. He served his country as a soldier in the Civil war, doing active duty with General Fremont's body guard. At his death he was a member of the county infirmary board and he passed away in Dayton in 1898, honored and respected by all who knew him because he had lived an upright, useful life. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Elizabeth Wilkinson, was born in Shelby county, Ohio, and still resides in Dayton.

Benjamin W. McClary is one of seven surviving members of a family of eight children. He was only five years of age at the time of the removal to Dayton and in the public schools he pursued his education and at an early age put aside his text-books to start in business life as a messenger boy. Subsequently he became press feeder in the Journal office and in that connection rose through

successive promotions that came in recognition of his ability to the position of advertising manager, in which place of trust and responsibility he was capably serving when in 1900 he was elected county recorder, which position he is still filling. He led the ticket, receiving the highest vote of any candidate of the republican party at that election—a fact which is indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him. In 1908 he was again nominated and reelected to the office of recorder, his term expiring in 1911.

In 1899 in Dayton Mr. McClary was married to Miss Maude Retter and they have one son, Harold B., born in 1902. Mr. McClary holds membership relations with the Knights of Pythias and also with the First Reformed church and is a member of the consistory. He is a substantial business man and has brought to his official duties the same qualities of enterprise, determination and unfaltering industry.

CHARLES W. BARR.

Charles W. Barr, a well known and successful stock dealer of Montgomery county, is also the owner of about seventy-five acres of fine farm land situated on the Valley pike about three miles north of the Dayton courthouse. He was born February 26, 1861, on the Yellow Springs pike on what was known as the old Harshman farm. The family was originally founded in Montgomery county by Henry Barr, the grandfather of our subject and a native of Pennsylvania. At a time when this county was largely an undeveloped district he arrived here with his family and with characteristic industry and zeal set about clearing the land and established his home on the site where the city of Fairfield, Ohio, now stands. His son Abraham Barr was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1830, and was but a lad when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio. He married Catharine Louck and followed the occupation of farming throughout his life. In their family were twelve children, namely: Lemuel; Elizabeth, now deceased; Lillie; Charles, of this review; Venetta; Henry; Delilah, also deceased; Oleva; Russell; Forrest; Amos; and Albert.

Charles W. Barr was reared on his father's farm and the days of his boyhood and youth were passed in the acquirement of an education in the neighborhood schools and in the work of the farm. After laying aside his text-books he learned the butchers trade under Charles Mack and others and at the age of twenty-one years started out in business on his own account on West Fifth street in Dayton. His venture proved successful from the start and by dint of hard labor and careful management he acquired sufficient capital with which to purchase his present tract of seventy-five acres of fine farm land outside of the city of Dayton. In 1886 he built a fine country home, equipped with all modern conveniences, and has also erected large, substantial barns, which furnish ample shelter for his grain and stock. Here he deals in stock, conducting a wholesale butchering business, marketing beef and mutton. He formerly had one of the best known stands in Central Market and his business is proving a source of gratifying annual income. He is today recognized as one of the well known

and prominent representatives of business life in his section of the township and whatever success has come to him is the logical result of close application and unfaltering diligence and perseverance.

Mr. Barr has been twice married, his first union being with Miss Fannie Hafer, the daughter of Henry and Mary Hafer, and unto them was born one child, Bessie, who has now completed her school course. She has shown special aptitude for music and, having graduated in a course in music, is now engaged in teaching this art. After the death of his first wife Mr. Barr was united in marriage to Miss Emma Kern, a daughter of Adam and Catharine Kern. The family belong to the German Lutheran church and are prominent among a large circle of warm friends. He is enterprising and up-to-date in all his business methods, energetic and progressive, and his honorable and upright dealings have gained him the confidence and good will of his fellow citizens.

ANDREW ASHBY MAYSILLES.

Andrew Ashby Maysilles, who is well known as an educator throughout Montgomery county, has been closely and helpfully identified with educational interests for many years. He was born in Preble county, on the 21st of April, 1870, a son of Benjamin F. and Rachel F. (DeVinney) Maysilles, the former a well known blacksmith and manufacturer. He was nine years of age when he came with his parents to Montgomery county and his early education was acquired in the public schools of Brookville. Subsequently he attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada, Ohio, from which he was graduated and received his teacher's certificate in 1896, while in 1904 he was granted a high-school life certificate.

Mr. Maysilles has since devoted his time, energy and thought to the profession of teaching, his first position in that capacity being in the schools of Randolph township. He also taught in Madison township for three and half years and later for one term in Clay township, while he was teacher in the high school of the latter township for five years. He then was identified with the Brookville high school for ten years, during a part of which period he served as superintendent of that institution. For the past ten years, however, he has been superintendent of schools in Clay township and for two years—1907 and 1908—has acted in similar capacity in the schools of German and Miami townships. He has been a most capable and successful instructor, clearly and readily imparting to others the information which he himself has acquired, while at the same time he has gained a wide reputation as an excellent disciplinarian, commanding at all times the obedience as well as the respect of his pupils. He has continued to remain a close student, ever seeking to broaden his own information by careful study and research and the high rank to which he has attained in his profession evidences his ability in his chosen calling. He served for two terms, or for six years, as a member of the board of school examiners for Montgomery county, and the high opinion in which he is held by his professional brethren is manifested in the fact that he was elected and is now serving as secretary of the Ohio State Association of Township Superintendents. He likewise holds membership in the Ohio Teachers'

Reading Association. He is recognized as a very strong debater, having devoted considerable attention throughout his life to the study of argumentation, and his opinions on this subject are largely received as authority.

On the 6th of October, 1901, Mr. Maysilles was united in marriage to Miss Mary Alice McNelly, of Brookville, a daughter of Warren and Sarah McNelly. Mr. and Mrs. Maysilles are members of the United Brethren church and are active in its work, while Mr. Maysilles is the teacher of the largest men's class in the Sunday school, it numbering one hundred and fifty members. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, is past chancellor commander of the Knights of Pythias and past worthy master of the Grange.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a stalwart advocate of the principles of the democracy and has taken an active interest in the local politics of the community, his ability as a speaker making him a forceful factor in the campaigns of that party. When only twenty-two years of age he was a candidate for legislature on the democratic ticket but was defeated by his republican opponent. Recognized as one of the leaders of the party in this city, he was elected and served for one term as mayor of Brookville. His interest has also extended along other lines of activity and he is now a director of the Citizens Banking Company and has been for the past three years, and is likewise a director of the McNelly Brothers Mercantile Company. His life has been one of continuous activity and each step in his career has been a forward one, bringing him a broader scope and wider relations. His horizon has never been bounded by the limits of his profession but on the contrary he is found as a broad-gauged man, of public spirit, with constantly expanding interests, his native talents being continually developed through wide reading.

WILLIAM FRANKLIN ROUDEBUSH.

William Franklin Roudebush, a truck farmer of Mad River township, is the owner of nine acres of land on the Troy pike, about three miles from the courthouse. His birth occurred in Ellerton, Montgomery county, on the 2d of January, 1864, his parents being Frank and Sarah (Gebhart) Roudebush. The paternal grandfather was a manufacturer of Pennsylvania. Frank Roudebush learned the trade of a mechanic in the Keystone state and in early manhood made his way to this county, becoming one of the pioneers settlers here. He first took up his abode near Centerville and later removed to Ellerton, where he was married and successfully carried on his interests for a time. Subsequently he went to Indiana, where he purchased a farm which he cultivated for five years, on the expiration of which period he sold the property and returned to the old home place in Montgomery county, once more becoming identified with the blacksmith's trade. He was one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of his community, his labors contributing in no small degree to the early development and upbuilding of the county.

William Franklin Roudebush obtained a good practical education in this county and while attending school also worked at farm labor and gave his father

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the benefit of his assistance in the shop, thus gaining a comprehensive knowledge of the blacksmith's trade. He has likewise worked in a shop in Dayton and is an expert machinist. For five years he remained in the service of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad, being promoted to a position as conductor after three years' service as brakeman. At present, however, he gives his time and energies to truck farming on his place of nine acres in Mad River township and in this business is meeting with a well deserved and commendable measure of success. He expects soon to build a new residence on the place and will equip it with all modern comforts and conveniences.

In April, 1885, Mr. Roudebush was united in marriage to Miss Libby Leis, a daughter of Swingilis and Emma (Cotterman) Leis, the former being a truckster and cabinetmaker of Montgomery county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Roudebush have been born four children, namely: Mabel E., who is a grammar school graduate and also attended the Dayton high school for two years, while at present she is teaching music; Clarence, who attended the Dayton high school for one year after completing his grammar school education and now assists his father on the farm; Russell, who has also finished his education and resides on the home farm; and Ruth, who is attending school.

Mr. Roudebush and his family are consistent and devoted members of the Reformed church at Miamisburg. He is a lover of music and displays considerable talent as a musician, his children following in his footsteps in this regard. They are often called upon to play at entertainments and have given much pleasure to their many friends at both private and public functions of a social character. Mr. Roudebush is a worthy native son of Montgomery county and in his social and business life is recognized as a man of genuine personal worth, who has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact.

T. A. McCANN, M. D.

Dayton, with its pulsing, industrial activity, has drawn to it many men of enterprise who are continually striving to lift the standard of business and professional interests. To this class belongs Dr. T. A. McCann, recognized as one of the most able and successful physicians of this city. He was born on a farm in Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1858, and there spent his youthful days working in the fields through the summer months while in the district schools he acquired his early education which was supplemented by a course in Denison University in Granville, Ohio. He afterward entered the Michigan University at Ann Arbor and in 1891 completed his preparation for the profession by graduation from the Hahnemann Medical College of Philadelphia, although he has remained a student of the science of medicine to the present time, his reading and research keeping him in touch with the advanced ideas brought forth by the medical profession.

In the year of his graduation he located in Dayton where he has since remained, and in the intervening years he has won a large and growing practice, his ability carrying him into important professional relations. He is always careful

in the diagnosis of his case and is seldom if ever at fault in predicting the outcome of the disease. He belongs to the Dayton Homeopathic Medical Society, the Miami Valley Medical Society, the State Medical Society and the American Institute of Homeopathy. In the first three he has been honored with various offices, serving as president of each. The Doctor is also a member of the state board of examiners and has been surgeon of the Miami hospital since its foundation.

In 1899, in Dayton, Dr. McCann was united in marriage to Miss Jeanette Kratochwill and unto them have been born five children, namely, Harriett, Thomas A., Jr., James, Richard and Joseph. Dr. McCann is prominent in Masonic circles, having attained the thirty-second degree of Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the Sigma Chi and to the Baptist church. His life is actuated by high and honorable principles and his professional ideals place him with those who are striving to advance the work of the profession in every way.

JOHN V. LYTLE.

John V. Lytle is filling the office of treasurer of Montgomery county, in which connection he is giving acceptable service as the custodian of the public funds. He is actuated in all that he does by a public-spirited devotion to the general good and in the work of the office he displays the qualities of an enterprising business man who carefully systematizes his labors and thoroughly understands the duties and obligations that devolve upon him.

Mr. Lytle was born in Dayton, April 21, 1870, a son of John S. and Mary (Voorhees) Lytle, the latter a daughter of Peter Voorhees, who was one of the earliest residents of this part of the state and owned the old stage line between Dayton and Cincinnati. John S. Lytle was born in Huntington, Pennsylvania, in 1821 and arrived in Dayton in the early '40s, continuing his residence here up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1900. His wife passed away in 1906. A brother of John V. Lytle, is Harry V. Lytle, superintendent of the Golf department of the Dayton Last Works; and his two sisters are Jeannette; and Lizzie H., now the wife of Harvey J. King, of Dayton.

At the usual age John V. Lytle entered the public schools and pursued his education through the consecutive grades for a number of years, after which he spent two years in a private school. He then entered the wholesale shoe house of his father, John S. Lytle, who was operating in that line under the firm style of Lytle & Company. In 1893 the firm withdrew from the jobbing trade and began the manufacture of shoes in Dayton, continuing in the business until 1898. In that year John V. Lytle became assistant postmaster, which position he occupied for eight years under Ira Crawford and his successor, F. G. Withoft. In 1905 he was elected to his present office as treasurer of Montgomery county and has since continued in this position, his official record winning him high commendation, confidence and respect.

In 1894 Mr. Lytle was married in Dayton to Miss Emma I. Crume, a daughter of William E. Crume, now deceased. There is one child of this marriage,

Emelyn. Mr. and Mrs. Lytle have many friends in Dayton and enjoy the high regard of those whom they meet socially. Mr. Lytle is a valued member of the Masonic fraternity, the Knights of Pythias and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and holds membership in the Grace Methodist Episcopal church. His political support has always been given to the republican party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise and he has been active in political circles in Dayton, his efforts in behalf of the party being forceful and effective in promoting its successes. He served as secretary of the board of education in 1892 and 1893, and as secretary of the police board in 1905 and his present position as treasurer of Montgomery county has come to him as a merited tribute of his effective services, and he is well known as a public-spirited citizen.

LOUIS H. SACKSTEDER.

Louis H. Sacksteder, of Harrison township, is the owner of twenty-five acres of land which he devotes to market gardening. His birth occurred on Cincinnati street in Dayton, Ohio, on the 18th of August, 1865, his parents being John and Mary (Cetone) Sacksteder. The paternal grandfather, Peter Sacksteder, brought his family from Germany to the United States, establishing his home in Montgomery county, Ohio, and clearing the land on which our subject now resides. His demise occurred when he had reached the venerable age of ninety-one years, his remains being interred in Calvary cemetery. John Sacksteder, the father of Louis H. Sacksteder, was the first representative of the name in this county and was only five years of age when he accompanied his father on his emigration to the new world. After residing for a time in Rochester, New York, he made his way as a boy to Dayton in a canal boat, locating on what is now known as the old family homestead on the Cincinnati pike. His family numbered eight children, as follows: Katie; Louis H., of this review; Frank, a resident of New York; Laura, of Louisville, Kentucky; William; Anna; John; and Margaret.

Louis H. Sacksteder supplemented his preliminary education, acquired in the common schools, by a course in St. Mary's Institute at Dayton, of which he is a graduate. Early in life and while still attending school he assisted in the cultivation of the home place, thus gaining a thorough knowledge of truck farming, which line of activity has claimed his time and energies to the present date. Starting out in business life on his own account with a capital of but two hundred dollars, he has steadily worked his way upward until he is now classed with the prosperous and representative citizens of his native county and may rightfully be termed a self-made man.

On the 23d of October, 1889, Mr. Sacksteder was united in marriage to Miss Frances Nock, of Dayton, Ohio, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Nock, her father being a gardener of North Dayton. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sacksteder have been born five children, namely: Gertrude, Lawrence, Alma and Raymond, all of whom attend St. Mary's Institute; and Thomas.

In his political views Mr. Sacksteder is a stanch democrat and has served as a member of the school board, the cause of education ever finding in him a stal-

wart champion. He is a valued and consistent member of St. John's church and also belongs to the Catholic Knights of Ohio and the Knights of St. John. His life has been passed in conformity with the most honorable principles and his success has been so worthily won and is so richly merited that all rejoice with him in what he has accomplished. Having lived in Montgomery county from his birth to the present time, he has gained a wide and favorable acquaintance here and has won many friends by reason of a social, genial nature which everywhere commands regard and confidence.

GEORGE B. EVANS, M. D.

Dr. George B. Evans, physician and surgeon of Dayton, was born in Franklin, Ohio, in 1855, a son of Dr. Otho and Jane (Ballentine) Evans. The family is of Welch descent. The grandfather, who also bore the name of Otho Evans, was born in Bourbon county, Kentucky, on the 9th of September, 1797, and in March, 1800, came to Highland county, Ohio. He began the study of medicine in 1818 with Dr. Jesse Smith, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was authorized to practice in 1823. For over sixty years he made his home in Franklin and was one of the leading physicians of that section of the state in early days. On the 30th of December, 1824, he was united in marriage to Miss Ann C. Schenck, the eldest daughter of John N. C. Schenck and a niece of General William C. Schenck, the founder of Franklin, Ohio. The groomsman at this wedding was Admiral Schenck, who was also present at their golden wedding, celebrated on the 30th of December, 1874. Our subject's grandfather lived to be eighty-seven years of age and died in Franklin. The father, Dr. Otho Evans, Jr., was born in that city, April 15, 1833, and died on the 15th of April, 1908. The birth of his wife occurred in the same city, August 31, 1833, and she passed away on the 27th of May, 1905. In their family were three children, of whom George B. is the eldest, the others being: Mortan H., a dentist of Toledo, Ohio; and Anna E., the wife of Edward Moore of Dayton. Our subject's maternal grandfather was George Ballentine, who was born in Lexington, Kentucky, in 1793, and was married May 1, 1823, to Miss Mary Patterson, who was born in Franklin township, Warren county, Ohio, December 22, 1803, a daughter of John and Jane Patterson. Eight children blessed this union. George Ballentine died December 18, 1852, and his wife passed away in 1887.

Dr. George B. Evans continued a resident of Franklin until the spring of 1878, when at the age of twenty-three years he removed to Middletown, Ohio. In the meantime he had pursued his education in the public schools of his native town until he was graduated from the high school, while later he attended Hanover College, Indiana, and was graduated in 1875 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. That school has also conferred upon him the Master of Arts degree. Subsequently he entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, completing the full course by graduation as an alumnus of 1878. He then located for general practice in Middletown, Ohio, where he remained for two years, after which he entered the Ohio State Hospital for the Insane at Dayton as assistant physician, there continuing until November 15, 1882. His experience there was of much benefit to him,

bringing him comprehensive knowledge of mental and nervous diseases. In 1897 he was appointed a member of the Dayton health board and served for a term of two years, during which time he started the crusade against unclean dairies, regarding them as the cause of much illness through the contamination of the milk. At all times he has been deeply interested in the subject of public health, putting forth earnest and effective effort in support of measures for the dissemination of knowledge that will check the spread of disease through the elimination of its cause. In 1887 he was elected a member of the staff of St. Elizabeth's hospital and in 1896 was elected to the chair of proctology, which he still fills.

In 1882 Dr. Evans was married in Dayton to Miss Sannie Beaver and they have many friends in the city. They hold membership in the Third Street Presbyterian church and Dr. Evans belongs to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Masonic fraternity, having taken the degrees of the Commandery and of the Mystic Shrine. His attention, however, is chiefly concentrated upon his professional duties and he utilizes every opportunity for the acquirement of knowledge bearing upon his chosen life work. He belongs to the Montgomery County Medical Society, which he has served as president, the Ohio State Medical Society, the American Medical Association and the American Proctological Society. The last named is a national institution, of which he was elected president in 1908. In October, 1909, he entered Johns Hopkins University for a three months' course of study under Professor Hugh Young in genito-urinary diseases; Professor Howard Kelly in gynecology; and Professor Samuel Earl in proctology, with the intention of limiting his practice to those lines. He has already attained wide fame as a proctologist and is well known as a successful practitioner in the general field of medical and surgical practice.

SAMUEL B. GROBY.

Samuel B. Groby is successfully engaged in farming on a tract of sixty acres situated in Miami township within a mile and a half of the city of Miamisburg. He is a native son of this township, his birth having occurred on the old homestead farm, May 5, 1878. He is a grandson of Samuel Groby, who was the first member of the Groby family to come to Ohio from Pennsylvania. His son Jacob R. Groby removed to Montgomery county with his parents from Berks county, Pennsylvania, and is now one of the most prominent and successful farmers of this part of the state. He wedded Miss Barbara Buehler and their marriage was blessed with three sons, the brothers of our subject, being: Robert, who is a resident of Miami township; and Albert, deceased.

Samuel B. Groby, the eldest son, was reared to the work of the home farm and acquired his education in the schools of Miamisburg. Since reaching manhood he has engaged in farming and is cultivating a tract of sixty acres located in Miami township, a mile and a half east of Miamisburg on the Heinicke road, so that it will be seen he has all the advantages which the city affords. His place is improved with good buildings and the soil is devoted to various grains, of which he annually gathers good crops, for he is diligent in cultivating his fields and therefore his labors are rewarded with success.

It was on the 18th of December, 1902, that Mr. Groby was united in marriage to Miss Blanch Willey, a daughter of W. B. and Lucetta (Lesher) Willey, numbered among Montgomery county's most prominent residents. Mr. Willey was formerly a traveling salesman but is now living retired with his daughter, Mrs. Groby. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Groby has been blessed with two sons and a daughter, Willard W., Samuel C. and Emily L., but the younger son is deceased.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church at Miamisburg. Mr. Groby gives his political allegiance to the republican party and has served on the school board and also on the advisory board. He takes a deep interest in all local movements tending toward the advancement or betterment of conditions in his community and takes a just pride in what is being accomplished here in these directions.

L. G. BOWERS, M. D.

Dayton's medical fraternity numbers many able men—those who have been long in practice and those of younger years who are steadily working their way upward in the profession. To this class Dr. Bowers belongs, having since July, 1905, practiced in Dayton, his specialty being surgery. He was born in Shelby county, Indiana, in 1870 and is a son of the Civil war veteran, who served for nearly four years in the Fifty-first Indiana Regiment and has since taken an active part in the old soldiers' associations, serving as president of the National Association of the Veterans of the Battle of Stone River in 1907. Dr. Bowers' youthful days were passed on the home farm in Marion township, Shelby county, Indiana, until the age of twenty-three years, during which time he became familiar with all of the duties and labors devolving upon the agriculturist. He worked in the fields during the summer months and in the winter seasons mastered the branches of learning constituting the common-school curriculum. Later he had the benefit of instruction at the high school at Noah, Indiana, where he completed the course by graduation with the class of 1888. He afterward engaged in teaching school in Marion and Union townships, Shelby county, for five years and proved an able educator, imparting readily and clearly to others the knowledge that he had acquired.

On the expiration of that period he began training for other professional labor, entering the Louisville (Ky.) Medical College, where he completed a course by graduation in 1898. He then put his theoretical training to the practical test in a year's service in the Louisville Medical College Hospital and the broadening experience of hospital practice proved of untold value to him in preparing him for the work of a private practitioner. At the end of that time he located in Richmond, Indiana, where he remained for six years. He engaged in general practice for four and a half years and has since made a specialty of surgery.

In professional lines Dr. Bowers is connected with several societies including the American Medical Association, the Mississippi Valley Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Association, the Union District Medical Association, the Montgomery County Medical Society and the Dayton Academy of Medicine. He is surgeon to the St. Elizabeth Hospital.

In 1893 Dr. Bowers was married in Shelby county, Indiana, to Miss Pearl A. Yarling, a daughter of Michael Yarling. Their home has been blessed with three children: Cyril Y., James M. and Anderson T. The Doctor votes with the republican party and keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day but the honors and emoluments of office have little attraction for him. He holds membership with the Masons and the Elks, his brethren of those fraternities finding in him a representative who is ever loyal to the beneficent teachings upon which the orders rest.

WILLIAM G. FRIZELL.

William G. Frizell, attorney at law of Dayton, whose influence has been a potent factor in political circles, was born in this city in 1866. His father, James S. Frizell, was a native of Kentucky, born in 1823. He came to Dayton, Ohio, in 1865 and spent his remaining days in this city, where for thirty-five years he was prominently known as a wholesale druggist and representative business man, his labors contributing in substantial measure to the commercial development of Dayton. He died in 1899, leaving two daughters, who are married, and one son, William G. Frizell. The last named acquired his preliminary education in the public schools. In 1887 he was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and upon his return to Dayton he took up the study of law in the office and under the direction of R. D. Marshall. In 1889 he was admitted to the bar and has since given his attention to the practice of law.

Mr. Frizell has become well known as a leader of the republican party in Dayton. From early manhood he has made a close study of issues and questions of the day and he recognizes the duties and obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship. In 1890 he was elected to the city council from the first ward and served for two terms or four years, and during two years of the time he was president of the council. He exerted his official prerogatives in support of various public measures, which have been beneficial elements in municipal life. In 1894 he was elected a member of the Dayton school board and served for four years. In 1903 he was elected a member of the state legislature and was reelected in 1905. In February, 1908, he was renominated for a third term but withdrew from office in 1908 to accept the nomination for congress from the third district. For that office, however, he was defeated. His work as president of the city council was often favorably commented upon by the press. As a member of the legislature he ever occupied an unequivocal position, standing loyally in defense of what he believed to be right, taking just as strong a stand in opposition to any movement which he believed would prove detrimental to the state at large. His law practice having made him at ease as a speaker, he was recognized as one of the strongest debaters in the legislature, both in the committee and on the floor, and because of the fairness and the force of his utterances he always received the thoughtful attention of the entire house. He has never been an extremist or radical upon any subject but rather a progressive conservative and for that reason his words have molded legislative thought upon many a public subject. He made a de-

termined stand against the steal of the Ohio canals, against the new Paine Municipal Code and for the new building association law. The Dayton Journal said of him, in connection with his service as councilman: "Mr. Frizell has proved himself an admirable public servant in the council, prompt, decisive and intelligent in his rulings. He is one of the class of men whose motives are never impugned and whose acts are always in favor of the interests of the people. He is a clear-headed, resolute business manager from start to finish and enjoys the confidence and esteem of every member of the council."

Mr. Frizell is a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and in Masonry he has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. He has traveled extensively, has written much for the press and frequently delivers charming lectures on what he has seen in out of the way corners of the world. He has a mind open and alert to impressions, sees what is to be seen and is appreciative of all the interesting points. His reputation as a lawyer, as a legislator and as a lecturer places him prominently before the public as a representative citizen of Dayton. In 1909 he published a book entitled "Out of the Way Places," describing his travels in China, Japan, Spitzbergen, Spain and other unusual places. The book reviews have been very flattering. The Chicago Record-Herald said: "Mr. Frizell has the seeing eyes, his outlook is sympathetic and his book will be read with enjoyment by many." The Albany Argus said: "His book is a collection of bright and graphic views of a traveler in the byways of the world. * * * His book is more spontaneous and less cut and dry than most books of travel."

PHILO G. BURNHAM.

Philo G. Burnham is one of the prominent local leaders of the republican party in Dayton, where he is now filling the position of city solicitor. He was born in Woodstock, Champaign county, Ohio, in 1869 and there spent his youthful days, remaining a resident of that place until he had attained his majority. Entering the public schools, he passed through consecutive grades until he had completed the high-school course by graduation with the class of 1886. Further opportunities in educational lines were granted him and he matriculated in Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, Ohio, from which he was graduated in 1891. For two years thereafter he occupied the position of principal of the high school at Covington, Ohio, but he regarded this merely as an initial step to other professional labor, it being his desire to become an active member of the bar.

To this end Mr. Burnham entered the law department of the University of Michigan and was graduated in 1895, after which he was admitted to the bar and located for practice in Dayton. He has since been identified with legal interests and also to a greater or less extent with official service. His work in the latter connection has been of far-reaching benefit and importance, for, added to his appreciation and understanding of the needs of the city and its possibilities for progress, he is possessed of public-spirited devotion to the general good. He was a member of the board of education of Dayton in 1901 and 1902, and in the former year he was elected to the state senate of Ohio, taking his seat in the

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upper house of the general assembly in January, 1902. He proved an able working member of that body, giving to each question which came up for settlement his careful consideration. In May, 1903, Mr. Burnham was appointed first assistant solicitor of Dayton and continued in that office without interruption until January 1, 1908, when he was elected city solicitor for two years. His previous experience well qualified him for the duties devolving upon him in this connection and he is proving a most worthy incumbent in the office. Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise he has been a stalwart supporter of the republican party and an active worker in its ranks, doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success.

On the 15th of September, 1897, Mr. Burnham was married in Covington, Ohio, to Miss Erle C. Baer, and they have won many friends during their residence in Dayton, while the hospitality of a number of the attractive homes of the city is cordially extended them. They have one child, a daughter, Dorothy Burnham. Mr. Burnham is well known as a man of enterprise, whose connection with public affairs is based on an intense interest in the welfare of his community and while not without that ambition which is always an incentive for capable service in public office he would manifest just as surely a public-spirited devotion to the general welfare were he not connected with any office.

OLIVER PERRY BOYER.

The name of Boyer has figured in connection with Dayton's development through more than eight decades. The birth of Oliver Perry Boyer occurred here on the 16th of March, 1827, when the boundaries of the town were much more restricted than at present and when its industrial and commercial activities had received but little impetus from the incoming settlers. With the life of the village and later with the growth and progress of the city Oliver Perry Boyer was closely associated. He was here reared and educated and having put aside his text-books he mastered the cabinet maker's trade, which he utilized as a source of livelihood until 1861. He then turned his attention to the undertaking business in Dayton in the place now occupied by his son, who in the course of years became his successor. About 1866 or 1867 he admitted his brother, Benjamin F. Boyer, to a partnership under the style of Boyer & Brother, this relation being maintained for four or five years, at the end of which time Benjamin Boyer retired and Oliver Perry Boyer continued alone until his death. His was one of the oldest undertaking establishments in this city and the reliability of his business methods secured to him a liberal patronage from those in need of his services.

In 1851 occurred the marriage of Mr. Boyer to Miss Martha W. Chatterton, and unto them were born five children: Eugene J.; Lida, who died in 1878; Mary, who became the wife of John F. Elliott of Springfield, Ohio, and died in 1885, leaving two children, Oliver P. and Lida; Harry G., who passed away in 1884; and Oliver Perry, who died in 1868. The wife and mother departed this life on the 28th of March, 1868, and on the 16th of September, 1869, Mr. Boyer was again married, his second union being with Julie Ernante Celine Pilate, a native

of Galveston, Texas, and a daughter of Dr. E. Pilate, who was born in France. There were four children of the second marriage: Alice S., the wife of Walter S. Allen, of Dayton, Ohio; Harriett E., the wife of A. W. Lowrey, of Dayton; Georgie R., at home; and Louis Pilate. Mrs. Julie Boyer died on the 22d of June, 1891.

In his political views Mr. Boyer was a republican but was never bitterly partisan in his political affiliations. In Masonry he attained the Knight Templar degree and he also held membership with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. For many years he was an elder in the First Presbyterian church and did all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. His belief was manifest in his relations with his fellowmen, for at all times he endeavored to closely follow the Golden Rule, doing unto others as he would have them do unto him. His sterling purpose, his just and equitable treatment of all and his manifestation of friendliness and good will won for him the high regard and confidence of those with whom business or social relations brought him in contact.

Of his sons, Eugene Joseph Boyer was born in Dayton, June 5, 1852, and was reared in this city where his grandparents had located ere the evidences of villagehood had been replaced by those which gave a metropolitan air of progress and enterprise. He pursued his education in the public schools to the age of seventeen years and then entered upon business life in connection with his father and later with his brother, Louis B. Boyer, succeeding to the business on the father's demise. He was married December 6, 1877, in Dayton to Miss Aurora Miller, and they have two sons, Robert Eugene and Charles Beaver.

Louis Pilate Boyer was married July 10, 1901, in this city to Miss Emilie Lewis Radcliff and they have one daughter, Emilie Lewis Radcliff Boyer. Both Eugene J. and Louis P. Boyer are members of the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the latter belongs to Christ Episcopal church. The brothers are men of business enterprise who fully sustain the unsullied reputation that has always been connected with the name of Boyer in the business circles of Dayton.

HENRY SCHOENFELD.

Dr. Henry Schoenfeld, who has won a wide reputation as a specialist in the treatment of chronic diseases, in which connection his labors have been of material benefit to his fellowmen, was born in Hanau Hessen, Kassel, Germany, in 1829. Although he has now reached the age of eighty years, he is still active in practice and his work continues to be a factor for good. He remained at the place of his nativity until fourteen years of age and between the ages of six and fourteen attended school, while spending his boyhood days in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schoenfeld. His father, who was of noble birth, became mixed up with the Revolutionists and on this account crossed the Atlantic to the new world, seeking a haven of refuge in America when his son Henry was about eight years of age. In 1844 the family joined him at Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He had studied medicine in his native land but never had practiced until he came

to the United States. Fleeing from his country because of his political beliefs, he landed in Baltimore with only fifty cents in his pocket and his entire life thereafter was given to the practice of medicine. He married Margaret Kohler, whose father had control of an entire county in Germany. In the family were a sister and a brother of our subject, both of whom died in Pennsylvania.

Dr. Henry Schoenfeld until 1848 pursued his education under the tutelage of Catholic priests. In that year he started with a party from Philadelphia to California to dig gold, being attracted by the reports concerning the discoveries on the Pacific coast. The party made their way to Cuba, afterward to the peninsula which constitutes Lower California and then on to the region of the gold excitement. There was only one house in San Francisco at the time and that was the customs house. Dr. Schoenfeld made his way into the mountains where he spent two years, finding plenty of gold but little to eat. He also had trouble with the Indians who were hostile, manifesting considerable ferocity against what they regarded as the intrusion of the white settlers and Dr. Schoenfeld in an encounter with the red men sustained a tomahawk wound, the scar of which he now bears. In 1851, after three years spent on the western coast, he returned by way of the isthmus and after a brief period passed at home began the practice of medicine at Lancaster and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Schoenfeld had studied medicine only with the priests who had been his tutors and with his father who was a successful physician. He practiced for one year in Pennsylvania and then made his way to Cincinnati where he practiced with Dr. Schoen for eight months. He then returned home to see his people, after which he came to Dayton but the fact that at Miamisburg resided many people who had known his father in Pennsylvania influenced Dr. Schoenfeld to locate in that place. He opened an office in Miamisburg in 1853 and has engaged in general practice for fifty-six years, during which time he has never resorted to surgery. He has had an immense practice, not only largely covering Ohio but also various portions of Kentucky, Michigan, Indiana, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, Kansas, also Canada. During the past twenty-five years he has devoted his time largely to chronic diseases and has effected many notable cures where the general practitioner has failed. Cases have come to him from all parts of the country and his labors have been extremely beneficial to his patrons at large.

Dr. Schoenfeld has also been prominent in community affairs and has left the influence of his individuality for good upon the public life. He was elected to the legislature, serving from 1870 until 1873 inclusive, being elected on the democratic ticket by a large and flattering majority. He also served for ten years as a member of the field council and exercised his official prerogatives in support of many measures for the general good.

In 1857 Dr. Schoenfeld was married to Miss Amma Shell, who was born in Miamisburg, Ohio, and died here in 1898. She was a daughter of John Shell, a shoemaker. The children of that marriage are Dr. Henry J. Schoenfeld, a practicing physician of Trenton, Ohio; John H., who is interested in the Miamisburg Banking Company of Miamisburg; Charles E. a railroad man of Elmira, New York; and Margaret, who died at the age of one year.

Dr. Schoenfeld is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is also connected with the Knights of Pythias, with the German Order of Haru-

gari and with the German Reform church. His whole life has been filled with anxiety and responsibility. Since seventeen years of age he has been dependent upon his own resources but he has made wise use of his opportunities and has learned the lessons which are contained in life's contacts and its experiences. His work has been of essential benefit to his fellowmen and his record has made him one of Montgomery county's honored and valuable citizens.

JOHN NEWTON ALLABACK.

When a man of known public spirit and loyalty occupies a position of trust and responsibility there is a feeling of safety on the part of the community, for they recognize the fact that their interests are conserved through a careful and capable administration of public affairs. Such is the feeling inspired by the mention of the name of John Newton Allaback whose ability has brought him to his present position as chief of police of Dayton. He was born at West Point, Morrow county, Ohio, November 15, 1857, a son of John Allaback, also a native of Ohio. He was a contracting plasterer and maintained his home at Galion, Ohio, but he and his wife were temporarily residing at West Point at the time of the birth of their son, John N., the father being engaged on the execution of a large contract there. After the inauguration of the Civil war he responded to the call and early in the summer of 1861 joined the Union forces with which he continued until the country no longer needed the military aid of her loyal sons. He was mustered out with the rank of captain of Company K, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He then continued in business as a contracting plasterer at Galion, Ohio, for several years, after which he became a resident of Dayton, where he conducted a successful business in the same line.

John N. Allaback and his mother had previously spent several years in Dayton, coming to this city after the father enlisted in the Union army and remaining until 1865, when they all returned to Galion. In 1874, however, the family home was once more established in Dayton, and here Captain Allaback continued his education for a year. During the periods of vacation he worked at the plasterer's trade with his father, and after putting aside his text-books continued as his assistant until he had reached the age of twenty-two years. Military life, however, attracted him, for from his boyhood he had been stirred by the tales which his father told of his military experiences in the south. In 1879, therefore, Captain Allaback went to Cincinnati where, on the 26th of March, he enlisted in the United States Cavalry. Two months were spent in preliminary drill and general training for the service at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, after which he was assigned to duty with Troop M, in the Second United States Cavalry stationed at Fort Custer, Montana. He went through all the hardships and experiences of a frontier campaign, serving for five years in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. He participated in two engagements and a number of skirmishes with the Indians, taking part in the battle on the Milk river with the Sioux and the other on the Rosebud with the Ogallas. The Indians were active and aggressive and the military qualities of the Second Cavalry were often severely tested, but it was a grand com-

pany of brave men who won well merited fame and glory in the Indian campaigns. Mr. Allaback was promoted from the rank and made corporal and at the time of his discharge, March 26, 1884, was first duty sergeant of his troop.

On the expiration of his term of service Mr. Allaback returned to Dayton and again resumed work at his trade. However, he had gained in his military experiences certain qualities which well equipped him for duty as a police officer and on the 16th of June, 1886, he was made a patrolman. Since that time gradual promotions have come to him in appointments as roundsman, on the 9th of January, 1892; as sergeant, May 23, 1892; as captain, March 8, 1893; while on the 11th of January, 1900, he was appointed acting superintendent on the resignation of Superintendent T. J. Farrell and thus served for fourteen months, after which he returned to his rank as captain. On the 4th of November, 1908, however, he was appointed chief of police and is therefore today at the head of the department. From his earliest connection with the service he has discharged his duties with credit to himself and the department, and with safety to the general public.

On the 16th of September, 1884, Mr. Allaback was married to Miss Alice Francis, a native of Dayton and a daughter of Amon Francis. They have become the parents of three children who are yet living: John Clifford; Wilbur Newton; and Helen Katherine. Mr. Allaback belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters, the Modern Woodmen of America, and the Dayton Police Benevolent Association, of which he is treasurer. He and his family attend the Presbyterian church. His military and official records have at all times been commendable, winning him the confidence and esteem of superior officers and associates, while his ability has largely enabled him to work his way upward until he today stands in the foremost position in Dayton as conservator of the rights and liberties of the law abiding citizens.

EDWARD PHILIPPS.

The men who have filled the public positions in Dayton have on the whole been competent, efficient and reliable and the record of Edward Philipps as auditor of the city is one which reflects credit upon his constituents. As he is widely and favorably known here his history cannot help but prove of interest to many of the readers of this volume. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, November 30, 1854, a son of Jacob Philipps, who died in Cincinnati in 1877 at the age of fifty-nine years. He was a native of Germany and for more than twenty years was connected with the Cincinnati fire department.

While spending his youthful days in his parents' home Edward Philipps enjoyed the benefit of instruction in the public schools, spending one year as a pupil in the Woodward high school. He continued in his native city until nineteen years of age and in 1874 came to Dayton, since which time he has resided here, entering business circles as an employe at the Buckeye Brass Works. There his diligence and perseverance enabled him to work his way upward until he was made general foreman of the brass department, remaining in that establishment for twenty-six years as one of its most trusted, capable and faithful representatives. In May,

1899, he was called to public office through appointment as deputy by Sheriff William C. Kershner. He filled that position for three years and eight months and in 1903 he made the race for auditor and was elected by the largest majority of any one chosen on the republican ticket, a fact which is indicative of his personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen. At the time of his election the term covered three years but a change in the election law extended the term for eighteen months and in the fall of 1907 he was reelected for two years so that he continues as the incumbent, his record being most satisfactory. The business of the office is conducted in a systematic, methodical manner, absolute accuracy being maintained in all departments and over his official career, therefore, there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

In 1879, in Dayton Mr. Philipps was married to Miss Elizabeth C. Ostendorf, and they have three children, namely: Edward C., Louis R., and Ada A. B. The family attend the German Lutheran church, of which Mr. Philipps is a member and he also belongs to the National Union and to the Masonic lodge. In politics he has always been an ardent republican and his position on any vital question is never an equivocal one for he stands fearlessly in support of what he believes to be right.

WILLIAM BENNER.

William Benner, a well-to-do farmer of Miami township, owns fifty-five acres of land of a very fine quality on the old Mad River road, about three miles from Miamisburg, in an easterly direction. He is the son of Valentine and Carolina (Goudy) Benner, of whom considerable mention is made in the sketch of Samuel Benner.

William Benner was six years of age when he started to school in district No. 7, Miami township. At the age of seventeen he had completed his education here and began work in good earnest, assuming many of the duties on his father's farm. During all his life, however, he had taken some part, small at first as suited his years and larger as he became older, in the work of the farm, so that when he left the parental roof he had had more experience than his twenty years would seem to indicate. On leaving his father he went to work for his brother and some time after that for his cousin. Circumstances soon shaped themselves, however, that he was able to take a trip to the west in which he combined pleasure and education. Upon returning from this diversion he entered the employ of A. D. Tibbals and remained in this locality six or seven years. Subsequent to this he went to Iowa, where he worked upon a ranch. In 1898 he returned to this county and engaged in farming, to which he has devoted himself ever since, with creditable results.

On the 16th of August, 1898, Mr. Benner was united in marriage to Miss Luella Tibbals, a daughter of Amos and Ruth (Allen) Tibbals. Mr. Tibbals was a well known farmer of this county but of recent years has retired from active life and resides in Centerville, Ohio. No children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Benner.

Mr. Benner is a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge, No. 683, of Centerville, and served at one time as master of work. It is needless to say that he is most loyal to his fraternal brothers and an eager worker for the advancement of the interests of the lodge and order. In religious matters he gives his allegiance to the Baptist church, and together with his wife takes an active part in all its affairs, both secular and religious. He is a hard worker too, devoting himself with good results to the cultivation of his farm, and is highly esteemed as a citizen and a friend.

ALFRED LOUIS McDANIEL.

Alfred Louis McDaniel is a native of Dayton and since his retirement from active business life has returned to the city where his youthful days were passed, having always maintained a deep attachment for the place of his nativity. He was born in February, 1844. His paternal grandfather was a soldier of the war of 1812. His father, James McDaniel, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1813, and was there reared, coming to Dayton in 1836 when this city was still a small and inconsequential town. He engaged in merchant tailoring and was well known as a representative of that line of activity in this city. He was married in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Miss Ann B. Hopper, a daughter of William Hopper, and they became parents of seven children, of whom one son died in infancy, while six reached years of maturity. These were: Sarah J.; Anne E., now deceased; Charles A., who served in the Civil war and afterward became a paymaster in the United States navy but has now passed away; Alfred L.; and Mary H. and Jeannette, both of whom are deceased. The father died in Dayton June 30, 1902, having for three decades survived his wife who passed away in this city on the 7th of January, 1872.

Alfred Louis McDaniel was reared in his native city, pursuing his education in the public schools until he had completed three years' work in the high school. He then put aside his text-books that he might join the army in the Civil war, but when he offered his services he was rejected on account of physical inability. He then entered the employ of the Dayton & Union Railroad Company in the capacity of agent, applying himself with thoroughness to the mastery of the duties entrusted to him. Three or four years later he was made its general freight agent and so continued until 1873, when he entered the employ of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company at Columbus as chief clerk in the office of the general freight agent. For two years he thus served after which he went to Baltimore as chief clerk in the office of the general traffic department and there he continued until his retirement. His devotion to his duties, his ready adaptability, his system and his accuracy won him recognition in promotions from the outset of his career until he rose to a place of considerable prominence in railway circles. The careful husbanding of his resources brought to him substantial success, and being in poor health he was enabled in 1896 to put aside further business cares, at which time he determined to make his boyhood home the place of his future residence and returned to Dayton, where he now resides.

Mr. McDaniel belongs to the Dayton City Club and since his return has made many new friends and has again entered into friendly relations with many of the associates of his early years who throughout the intervening period have entertained for him kindly and enduring regard.

JESSE LENTZ.

Jesse Lentz, successfully carrying on general farming and also one of the largest dairies in the county, makes his home in Madison township, where he owns and cultivates one hundred and forty-five acres of good land. He was born on the 22d of November, 1870, on the farm which is yet his place of abode and which was the old Lentz homestead. The family is of German lineage and was founded in America by Jacob Lentz, who was born in the fatherland and as a young man came to this country. Eventually he became a resident of Montgomery county, securing a tract of land near Dayton. He married Fredricka Moselman and their son George was the father of our subject. He was born in Pennsylvania and after coming to Montgomery county gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits, his first home being on a farm near Dayton. He afterward purchased the old Sanger farm and later bought one hunded and sixty acres of land now known as the old Lentz homestead. He married Catharine Blessing and they became the parents of twelve children: Amos, Martha, Lydia, Isaac, Aaron, Emma, Amanda, Ida, Jesse, Ira, Anna and Warren, all of whom are living in this county with the exception of Emma, who resides in California.

Jesse Lentz, the fourth son of the family, has always been a resident of Madison township and at the usual age entered the district schools, pursuing his education there. He early became familiar with the work of the farm and has always carried on general farming, in which his well directed labors have met with success. He is now the owner of one hundred and forty-five acres of fine farm land situated on the Lexington road about a mile and a quarter south of Trotwood. For sixteen years he has been engaged in the dairy business and has built up a large trade in this line. Throughout the entire period he has been running a milk-wagon in Dayton, never missing but a few days in all the sixteen years. By his good management and diligence he has become the owner of his present farm, which is a valuable property and brings to him a substantial annual income. He is a self-made man, gaining his large patronage by reason of his honorable effort, his close application and unfaltering diligence. He has depended upon his own resources from the age of twelve years for his father was an invalid and it was necessary that the son should provide for his own support. That he is a citizen of genuine worth is a fact widely acknowledged by all who know him.

On the 3d of March, 1893, Mr. Lentz was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Adelberger, a daughter of George and Catharine (Oet) Adelberger. Her father was a well known butcher of this county and conducted a large and profitable business. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Lentz have been born four children: Oscar H., Harvard W., Emert C. and Ida C. The eldest two are students in school.

JESSE LENTZ AND FAMILY

The parents are members of the conservative branch of the Dunkard church and he and his family are very active in the work of the church, doing all in their power to promote its growth and extend its influence. Their lives are ever upright and honorable, guided by high principles, and in all of his business relations Mr. Lentz is thoroughly trustworthy, never taking advantage of the necessities of another in any business transaction. Indeed his commercial honesty stands as an unquestioned fact in his career and has constituted one of the forceful elements in the life record that commands for him the respect and good will of all who know him.

WILLIAM HENRY BENNER.

The history of the pioneer settlement of Montgomery county would be incomplete without mention of the Benner family, who from the earliest founding of this section of the Buckeye state have been prominent factors in its substantial growth and improvement. When Montgomery county was still in an embryo state, one Jacob Benner, made his way across the plains from Maryland to Ohio, and braving all the trials and hardships of pioneer life, made for himself a home and became an active factor in reclaiming this wild region for the purposes of civilization. To this family the citizens of the present generation owe much for bringing this section to its present high state of development and modern progress.

The Jacob Benner above mentioned was the great-grandfather of our subject. He was a native of Maryland, where he worked at his trade of a blacksmith. His family numbered five sons and four daughters. The sons were Jacob, Frederick, Samuel, Daniel and David and all became pioneer settlers of Miami township. The daughters are as follows: Elizabeth, who became Mrs. Jonathan Gebhart; Sarah, who became the wife of James Ryan; Mary, the wife of Samson Strader and Catherine, the wife of William Aiken. Of the sons, Jacob followed in his father's footsteps, learning the blacksmith's trade but he also engaged in the occupation of farming. He wedded Magdalena, a daughter of Philip Gebhart, and their family numbered four children, Philip, Valentine, Jacob and Alfred. Of these, Philip, the eldest, was born in Miami township in 1827, and like the other members of the family, carried on farming throughout his active business life. He wedded Miss Amelia Heineke, a daughter of the Rev. Henry and Catherine (Hetzel) Heineke, also residents of Miami township, and their union was blessed with three sons: William Henry, of this review; Jacob; and Edmund. The father died of typhoid fever, his death occurring on the 13th of August, 1866, at the comparatively early age of thirty-nine years.

William Henry Benner, the eldest in the father's family, was reared on the home farm in Miami township and was educated in the common schools near his father's home. He was early trained to the work of the fields and during the periods of vacation was busily engaged in plowing, planting and harvesting. After his father's death he remained with his mother and gave to her valuable assistance in managing the interests of the place, and when starting out upon an independent venture chose as his occupation the work which he had always

followed. He now owns a valuable tract of land of one hundred and fifty-four acres in Miami township, which he devotes to general farming and he also engages in raising and breeding Poland China hogs. He formerly conducted a dairy in this locality. Like the other members of the family he has become a prosperous citizen by means of tilling the soil and fully sustained the reputation which has always been borne by the members of the Benner family from pioneer times down to the present.

Mr. Benner has been twice married. He was first wedded in 1871 to Miss Amanda Groby, a daughter of David and Eliza (Warner) Groby, of Miamisburg, and that union was blessed with five children: Anna, the wife of Jacob Meng, by whom she has four children, Paul, Ruth, Marlow and Carl; David, who wedded Ada Bloss, their family numbering five children, Glen, Russell, Robert, Helen and Alice; Walter, who wedded Daisy Wacter and has one son, Kenneth; Sarah, the wife of Henry Lambert, by whom she has one child, Vere; and Edith, who makes her home with an aunt in Miamisburg. Mr. Benner was married a second time, this union being with Elizabeth Sommers, a daughter of Jacob and Catherine (Smith) Sommers, who came from Maryland to Miami township. There is one daughter of this marriage, Lucile Benner.

Politically Mr. Benner gives his support to the republican party and takes an active part in public affairs. He is identified with the Lutheran church and with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The work instituted by the great-grandfather has been carried on by the grandfather and father and is still continued by W. H. Benner, and the name has become a prominent one throughout Montgomery county, so that it is but fitting that the sketch of this distinguished citizen should find a place in this volume. He stands today as a high type of American manhood, who has won success and at the same time has gained the respect and honor of his fellowmen in public service and private life.

WILLIAM H. CASSEL.

A glance over the business field of Dayton at once indicates the leading position occupied by the Dayton Malleable Iron Company, one of the most important industries of the city, by reason of the number of its employes and the extent of its output. At the head of this mammoth concern are men of recognized business ability, of keen foresight and initiative spirit who understand the possibilities of the trade and the opportunities for the expansion of this specific enterprise. Prominent in its management is William H. Cassel who is the secretary of the company.

Montgomery county numbers Mr. Cassel among her native sons, his birth having here occurred in 1867. He was reared upon the home farm to the age of twenty years and during much of that period attended the country schools, thus laying the foundation for a good practical business education. The vacation periods were devoted to work in the fields and thus time passed in forming habits of industry and energy which have stood him in good stead in later years. At the age of eighteen he began teaching, which profession he followed for four

years in the country schools of Miami county but, ambitious for the opportunities and conquests of business life, he came to Dayton in 1889 and qualified for entrance into commercial circles by pursuing a course in the Miami Commercial College, from which he was graduated in due time. He then entered the employ of the Dayton, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad as stenographer to the auditor, with whom he remained for six months, after which he secured a situation in the Dayton Car Service Bureau, where he also spent a half year. He then entered the employ of the Dayton Malleable Iron Company in 1892 in the capacity of stenographer and with the passing years he won promotion from time to time until in 1902 he became secretary, which position he has since acceptably filled, having now an influencing voice in the management and control of this large and important industry.

In 1892 at Pleasant Hill, Ohio, Mr. Cassel was married to Miss Callie Deeter and they have two children: Homer Deeter and Mabel. The parents hold membership in the Summit Street United Brethren church, of which Mr. Cassel is a trustee and in the work of the church he is deeply and helpfully interested while to its support he contributes generously. While he votes with the republican party in support of its state and national candidates he is allied with that independent movement which is one of the hopeful signs of the times—a movement that has elicited the sympathy and cooperation of many practical and progressive business men who seek to have a clean, straightforward administration rather than the domination of machine rule. In matters of citizenship Mr. Cassel is interested as a public-spirited citizen but has never sought the rewards or emoluments of office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his business affairs, in which he is meeting with signal success.

WILLIAM I. ANDERSON.

William I. Anderson, county commissioner from Harrison township, has during all his life been connected with farming interests and is the owner of a fine tract of land of one hundred acres three miles from Dayton on the New Troy pike. His paternal grandfather, William Anderson, came to Ohio from Pennsylvania and was one of the early settlers in his part of the county. His son, John Anderson, the father of our subject, was born in Warren county, Ohio, and was two years old when his parents removed to this county. He married Miss Sydney Wurst, who bore him five children: W. S.; William I.; F. M. and E. E., both deceased; and Florence D.

William I. Anderson started upon his earthly sojourn July 12, 1858, in Wabash county, Indiana, and in the county schools derived his education. His life has been intimately associated with farming, and when he embarked for a short time on a business career he was interested in farm implements. For many years he ran a threshing machine, and subsequently for a considerable period he was the agent in this county for a large farm implement concern.

Mr. Anderson is a man well known in Harrison township, where he has held several offices at the disposal of the voters. His first was that of township as-

sessor, which he filled for the space of four years; next he assumed the duties of township clerk for an equal period; and subsequently was elected county commissioner on the republican ticket. At the present time, in the exercise of his office, he is contracting for the making of roads. He holds membership in two important fraternal organizations—lodge No. 657, I. O. O. F.; and Riverdale Lodge, No. 639 K. P., of Dayton. His religious allegiance is given to the Methodist Episcopal church of Dayton.

In January, 1892, Mr. Anderson was united in marriage to Miss Wealthy Smith, a daughter of John and Maria (Worrell) Smith.

ISAAC ECK.

Isaac Eck is an enterprising and progressive farmer of Miami township, owning and operating one hundred and fifty acres of fine land. He was born on the 30th of June, 1854, in New Lebanon, Montgomery county, a son of Jacob and Mary (Shober) Eck. The father is a native of Maryland, coming to this state at an early day with his father, Peter Eck, who was a mechanic by occupation and was the founder of the family in Ohio. The entire trip was made by wagon, the family settling in Montgomery county. Jacob Eck was twice married, his first union being with Miss Mary Shober, and in their family were five children: William, Franklin, Isaac, Susan and Miranda, of whom William and Susan are now deceased. He chose for his second wife Miss Elizabeth Fencler, by whom he had nine children: Florence, Perry, Ed, Emanuel, Clara, Katie, Charles, Harley and one who died in infancy. Of this number Florence, Perry and Emanuel still survive.

Isaac Eck attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, and when not busy with his text-books he was engaged in the work of the farm. Losing his mother at the age of eight years, it was necessary for him to leave home and engage in farm work to pay for his board while attending school. He was thus engaged until thirteen years of age, when he completed his education and returned home to assist in the work of the farm. He learned the trade of wagonmaker under his father, who followed that occupation for a livelihood, and the two were associated in that line of work for some time. In 1868 he accompanied his father to Franklin township, Darke county, where he remained for about four years, at the expiration of which period he returned to Montgomery county. He was here employed by the month for about three years and then, in the fall of 1875, he took a trip to the west. Upon his return to Ohio he became identified with agricultural interests, purchasing a farm of one hundred and fifty acres of excellent land on the Germantown road about a mile west of Miamisburg. He has since directed his efforts to the cultivation and development of this property, has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation, and the place is now one of the well improved farms of Miami township. He is progressive in his methods, practices the rotation of crops, and in his undertaking is meeting with very desirable success.

It was on the 29th of January, 1880, that Mr. Eck was united in marriage to Miss Florian M. Stettler, a daughter of John J. and Lauretta (Hohn) Stettler. This union has been blessed with two children. Della L., the eldest, is now the wife of Harry Kennel, who resides on the home farm with his father-in-law and is a self-made young man of the best type. Marion A. married Bessie Hedinger, of Montgomery county, and now owns and operates a farm of twenty-four acres.

Mr. Eck and his family are members of the Lutheran church and are people who stand high in the esteem of the community. Mr. Eck gives his political allegiance to the democracy and has been active in the local party ranks. He is a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion, while all matters which have for their object the material, intellectual, political or moral upbuilding of the community find in him a hearty cooperant. His has been a life of continuous activity in which has been accorded due recognition of honest labor, while his success is well deserved for it has come to him through his own energy, determination and well applied efforts. From an early age he has assumed heavy responsibilities and today he is numbered among the substantial residents of Miami township.

H. LORAN HUBER.

From the position of stenographer at the outset of his career, H. Loran Huber has worked his way steadily upward until he is now the secretary of the Dayton Paper Novelty Company, in which connection he is active in the control of one of the important industrial concerns of the city. His birth occurred on a farm in Logan county, Ohio, September 27, 1863, and he comes of an old Virginia family that was founded in that state in colonial days. His grandfather, Abraham Huber, was a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, and was the first of the name to establish a home in Ohio. Coming to this state, he located in Logan county, where John Huber, the father of our subject, was born in 1834, his birth place being the farm upon which he still resides. It has now been his home for seventy-five years, during which extended period he has witnessed the greater part of the growth and development of the state. He was married in 1862, in that county, to Miss Rebecca J. Pence, and H. Loran Huber is their only child.

The old home farm which has now been in possession of the family for almost a century was the scene of H. L. Huber's youthful exploits and activities. He was trained in the work of the fields and through the school sessions pursued his studies, while later he became a high-school student in De Graff, Ohio. There he completed the course and was graduated in 1884, after which he engaged in teaching school for three sessions in Logan county. Believing, however, that he would find the pursuits of commercial life more congenial, he came to Dayton and entered the Miami Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1884. He then became a stenographer and in 1887 entered the employ of the Dayton, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railway Company, now a part of the Cincinnati, Hamilton, Hocking & Dayton. He filled the position for three years in

Dayton, after which he accepted the position of bookkeeper in the Dayton Spice Mills, where he remained for four years. On the expiration of that period he became bookkeeper for the Dayton Paper Novelty Company and was made its secretary.

On the 12th of May, 1891, Mr. Huber was united in marriage in Union City, Indiana, to Miss Jennie M. Wolf, a daughter of Fred Wolf, now deceased, and they have two children, Earl B. and Florence Alene. Mr. Huber is a member of the Knights of Pythias and has become a Knight Templar Mason. He also belongs to the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and these qualities indicate much of the nature of his interests and the relations which govern his actions. In all his business career he has been stimulated by a laudable ambition, realizing the fact that within the individual and not in his environment lies his success. He has been willing to pay the price of concentrated effort, close application and unfaltering perseverance in order to win advancement and is thus gradually working his way upward, while his associates and colleagues have become cognizant of his worth and ability.

WILLIAM H. HOSKOT.

William H. Hoskot, assistant postmaster of Dayton, was born in this city, November 21, 1852. When the days of his early boyhood had passed, his time during that period being largely given to the acquirement of a public-school education, he secured employment in a brickyard, being at that time a little lad of ten years. He worked there through the summer and then secured a position in the employ of T. A. Phillips, manufacturer of cotton batting, remaining in that service for sixteen months. He next worked for Henry Dornbusch, driving a cart, after which he went into the Journal office, where he served for a year as office boy. His next employment was as cash boy in the Beehive Dry Goods store, where he remained for seven years, his willingness to work, his faithfulness and ready adaptability bringing him through successive promotions to the position of bookkeeper. He then entered the Second National Bank as messenger and for seven years was connected with the financial affairs of that institution. Resigning his position to engage in business on his own account he established a steam laundry in 1877. This he conducted until 1893 when his plant was destroyed by fire. About that time he received the appointment of deputy criminal court clerk, serving for two years, after which he was made chief deputy and occupied the position for ten years. In 1906 he was appointed assistant postmaster of Dayton, in which connection he is capably administering the affairs of the office in a most businesslike manner, the work being thoroughly systematized while promptness and accuracy characterize every department.

On the 24th of June, 1874, Mr. Hoskot was married in Dayton to Miss Fannie C. Schaeffer and they had four children: Minnie R., the wife of J. H. Merkle; Tom S.; Catharine I., the wife of Albert King; and Florence. Mrs. Hoskot died May 2, 1909. Mr. Hoskot is well known in several fraternities, holding membership with the Masons, the Knights of Pythias, the Foresters, the Woodmen and

the Elks and in his life exemplifies the beneficent spirit which underlies these orders. He belongs also to the Bicycle and Garfield Clubs and his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the First Reformed church. In his different business associations Mr. Hoskot has ever commanded the respect and confidence of those with whom he has been connected while his official record has at all times been characterized by an unfaltering and faithful performance of duty.

W. A. CHAMBERLIN.

W. A. Chamberlin, a prominent farmer of Miami township, Montgomery county, manages one hundred and ten acres of land on the Springboro pike about three and a half miles from Miamisburg, and six and a half miles from Dayton. He was born on the 1st of September, 1857, in Warren county, Ohio, on his father's farm, and is the son of John and Meribah (Emley) Chamberlin. His paternal grandfather, James Chamberlin, whose wife was Miss Mary Anna Cox in the days of her maidenhood, was the first of the family to come to this state and he did his share in clearing the land for habitation and farming. He came from Monmouth county, New Jersey, in 1800, and it is recounted how he made the journey across the mountains in a comparatively crude vehicle. He cleared his place, and his son John Chamberlin was born on this farm, which was also the birthplace of his grandson, the subject of this sketch. John Chamberlin was reared in Warren county and attained to a position of prominence in the community. He died in 1908 at the advanced age of eighty-six, and with his helpmeet, who was eighty-three when she answered the call of death, lies buried in Franklin. He was the father of seven children: Maggie E., of Miamisburg; James C., of Dayton; Mary Ann and Irvin, both deceased; W. A., of this review; Frank, of Dayton; and Alice, of Warren county.

W. A. Chamberlin was reared at home and received his education in the schools of this section. During his student days he was ever fond of his books and the same eagerness for learning and desire to keep abreast of the times has marked his later years, so that he is a man very conversant with the things that interest and concern his fellowmen the world over. He has always followed the life of a farmer, from the days of his childhood, through his school period, until he was able to enter upon the cultivation of the soil for himself. It is needless, therefore, to say that he has won a fair fortune from his vocation, and he is both successful and prominent in the township.

In 1879 Mr. Chamberlin married Miss Sarah A. Parker, the daughter of Thomas and Adaline Parker. Two children have been born to them: Parker, the elder, married Miss Della Simpson, who has borne him a son, Francis. Adda, the daughter, is a graduate of Franklin and Zook school, and though she has the ma jority of her interests in Dayton and goes there almost daily, she makes her home on the farm.

A successful farmer well and favorably known throughout this county, Mr. Chamberlin is a man who attains to distinction in whatever he undertakes and among whatever set of people he happens to join. Among the Knights of Pythias,

in whose ranks he belongs, he is conspicuous for the active interest he has ever evinced in the welfare of the organization and in his fraternal brothers. In the Methodist Episcopal church as well he has made himself all but indispensable

WILLIAM KUNTZ.

William Kuntz, whose commercial record has been characterized by the orderly progression which follows close application and intelligent appreciation for and understanding of opportunities, is now known as one of the foremost grocers of Dayton, in which line of business he has operated for more than two decades. He was born upon a farm in Mad River township, Montgomery county, Ohio, March 28, 1866.

As the name indicates the family is of German lineage and had its origin in America only in the preceding generation, for his father, Joseph Kuntz, was a native of Alsace, Germany, living in that border district between France and Germany which for centuries has been disputed territory. His natal day was February 17, 1832, and before he was twenty years of age he came to the United States, being influenced in his choice of Montgomery county as his destination by the fact that he had friends living within its borders. Soon after his arrival he sought and obtained employment at farm labor and subsequent to his marriage he purchased twenty-seven acres of land and began gardening. To this he added twelve acres by additional purchase situated on the city corporation land and included two dwellings and a store. As the year passed he prospered in his undertakings and made investment in real estate within the city limits, becoming in the course of years the possessor of a very desirable competence. His political allegiance was given to the democracy and while he was not a politician in the sense of office seeking he served as supervisor of Mad River township. Both he and his wife were members of the Holy Rosary Catholic church. It was on the 7th of October, 1855, that Mr. Kuntz was married to Miss Magdalene Wolf, who was born in Germany, July 16, 1834. She crossed the Atlantic in the same year her future husband made the voyage and after living for two years in Cincinnati, she removed to Dayton. Their marriage followed shortly afterward and they continued residents of Montgomery county until called to the home beyond. Joseph Kuntz carried on farming until 1893 when he retired to spend his remaining days in the enjoyment of well earned rest. He died June 4, 1908, having for about three years survived his wife, who passed away in 1905. They became the parents of ten children: John, Joseph, Maggie, Katie, George, William, Frank, Magdalene, Mary and Clara.

The youthful days of William Kuntz were spent in the usual manner of farm lads of the locality and period. He completed his education in the parochial schools, after attending the public schools for a few years, but at the age of thirteen put aside his text-books to assist his father, who was engaged in market gardening. He was thus busily occupied until 1889, when, desiring to start upon an independent business career, he came to Dayton and opened a grocery store, which he has since conducted. As the years have gone by he has developed an ex-

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tensive and growing trade and is now one of the leading grocery merchants in his part of the city. He carries a large and well selected line of goods and his reasonable prices and honorable dealing have been salient features in the attainment of his success.

On the 13th of November, 1888, Mr. Kuntz was united in marriage to Miss Anna G. Kinzig, who was born in Mad River township in October, 1868. Her father, Valentine Kinzig, came to America in 1853 from Kissering, Baden-Baden, Germany, and located in Dayton, where he still resides. For nearly forty years he was engaged in the butchering business in this city, but in 1908 he retired and is now enjoying a well earned rest. He married Miss Lena Hasenstab, who was also a native of Germany, born in Rodenbuch, Rhenish Bavaria, Germany, and came to the United States in 1847. She, too, is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz have two children: Victor G., born December 4, 1889; and Leona, born December 29, 1893.

Mr. Kuntz is well known through his fraternal relations. He belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of St. John. In the latter he was formerly paymaster of the Seventh Battalion and on the 30th of January, 1896, he became major of the Third Ohio Regiment of the order. When the order met in national convention in June, 1896, a merchant of this city offered a handsome gold-mounted sword and belt to be voted to the most popular sir knight in Dayton. In this contest five thousand, eight hundred and eighty-five ballots were cast for Mr. Kuntz, who was, therefore, the winner by more than fourteen hundred votes. He has been very active in the order, having sole supervision of the banquet at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Commandery No. 104, the first Catholic uniformed organization of the United States. He has also represented the order in various national conventions. Both he and his wife are members of the Holy Trinity church and Mr. Kuntz is recognized as a democratic leader of the third ward which he has twice represented in the city council and at present is a candidate for council at large, his election being generally conceded. He is a man well qualified by nature for leadership for he not only has a commanding way but also a most genial spirit which, combined with his unfailing courtesy, renders him popular wherever he is known.

CHARLES RUEBUSH.

Charles Ruebush is an enterprising and progressive farmer of German township managing a tract of one hundred acres for Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer. This farm is located on the township line, two and a half miles west of Miamisburg. Mr. Ruebush was born in Augusta county, Virginia, June 24, 1874, a son of John Ruebush. The father was likewise born in Virginia and while living in the south served in the Confederate army during the Civil war. Subsequently he removed to this state, settling on a farm in Preble county, operating land for some twenty years. At the end of that time he returned to his native state, where he is now living retired. He wedded Mrs. Maria Blackwell, nee Gilmore, and their mar-

riage has been blessed with two sons and a daughter, our subject being the youngest of the family. The others are: George, who on the 4th of October, 1888, wedded Miss Mary E. Phillips, by whom he has four children, Earl, Eddie, Mollie and Leah, the two last named being twins; and Bessie.

Charles Ruebush was quite young when brought by his parents to Montgomery county from his native state in the south, so that he has practically been reared here, where he also acquired his education. When not employed with his studies he assisted his father in the work of the farm, early becoming familiar with the best methods of agricultural pursuits. He is now managing the farming interests of Mrs. Margaret Schaeffer, the tract which he is operating comprising one hundred acres. That Mr. Ruebush thoroughly understands his work is indicated by the fine crops which are annually stored in the granaries.

Mr. Ruebush was married in December, 1902, to Miss Mary Aletta Schaeffer, of Montgomery county, a daughter of Moses and Ella Schaeffer, who still reside in this section of the state. Four children grace the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ruebush; Frank Lester, Mary Elizabeth, Margaret and John B. The parents belong to the Reformed church, in which they are active and helpful workers. They are young people who are well known in this locality, where they have spent almost their entire lives and the hospitality of their pleasant home is greatly enjoyed by many friends.

JESSE REED LINDEMUTH.

Jesse Reed Lindemuth, much of whose life has been devoted to public service in official capacities, is now acting as a member of the board of review in Dayton and his labors have their basis in a desire for the general good and are guided at all times by a public-spirited citizenship. Mr. Lindemuth is a native of Montgomery county, Ohio, his birth having occurred in Germantown, December 6, 1850. In his infancy, however, his parents removed to Farmersville, this county, where he was reared and obtained his early education. He afterward continued his studies in the Dayton schools and also spent one year in Wittenberg College. When eighteen years of age he began teaching and followed that profession at intervals until 1886, proving a capable educator who imparted clearly, readily and concisely to others the knowledge that he had acquired. He took up public service in 1886 when he entered the county recorder's office, his close application to his duty there winning him promotion until he eventually became chief deputy. He acted in that capacity until 1891 when his previous capable service won public recognition in his election to the office of recorder of Montgomery county. He served through the regular term of three years and during an eight months extension caused by a change in the law relative to county offices. He retired from office as he had entered it—with the confidence and good will of all concerned—and for a year thereafter he engaged in the insurance business but at the end of that time was again called to public office. In 1898 he was elected mayor of Dayton and by reelection served for four years, his administration being characterized by various progressive movements and by needed reforms and improvements. His service was indeed of a most businesslike character and received uniform en-

dorsement. Later Mr. Lindemuth occupied a position on the police board for a year and in 1903 was appointed a member of the board of review, in which capacity he has continued to the present time or for a period of six years, being recently reappointed for another term of five years. Even before he came to Dayton he had done capable public service, having for seven years been a member of the board of teachers' examiners of Montgomery county while in Farmersville he served both as township clerk and as a member of the town council.

Mr. Lindemuth is married and has one daughter, Hattie L., and he resides with his wife, Esta J. at a very comfortable home at No. 19 Crescent street. He is well known in Masonry, having joined the order in 1877. He has attained the Knight Templar degree of the York Rite and is a past commander of Reed Commandery. He has also become a thirty-second degree Mason in the Scottish Rite and is a member of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs also to Iola Lodge, K. P., to Earnshaw Camp, S. V. and to the First Reformed church. His sterling qualities of manhood have gained for him a firm hold on the friendship and regard of those with whom he has come in contact through professional, political or social relations.

WILLIAM W. SHADE.

The Shade family, of which William W. Shade is a worthy representative, is one of the most prominent in Montgomery county, having lived here from early pioneer times. Jacob Shade, the grandfather of our subject, was the first to settle in Montgomery county, he having come here from Pennsylvania. He became the father of three children but all are now deceased, these being Polly, Nelson and Jacob, Jr. The second named, Nelson Shade, was born in Ohio and after reaching years of maturity engaged in farming, eventually becoming the owner of three hundred acres in Montgomery county. He wedded Miss Elizabeth Weaver and their union was blessed with six children, namely: Eli, a resident of Gettysburg; William W., of this review; Lindey; John; Amanda; and Sarah. He became quite a prominent citizen of this locality, fully meriting the high regard and esteem in which he was uniformly held.

William W. Shade, the second in order of birth in the father's family, was born on the home farm in Montgomery county, April 5, 1843, and attended the district schools of the neighborhood, beginning his education in the Moritz school. During the periods of vacation he assisted his father in the work on the home farm and thus gained practical knowledge of the best methods of farm work. He is now the owner of forty-one acres of as fine farm land as can be found in this section of the county, his place being located on the Gettysburg road, a mile north of Miamisburg, so that while enjoying the freedom of a rural life he can also have the advantages that are to be obtained in the city.

Mr. Shade in early manhood established a home of his own by his marriage in December, 1865, to Miss Lydia Stupp, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Stupp, by whom there were born three children: Ed, who first wedded a Miss Oelwein and after her death married Melvina Weiser and has two children; Lizzie, deceased; and Harley. Mr. Shade was again married in 1889, his second union

being with Christina Paul and a daughter of George and Mary (Brandt) Paul, and a native of Germany. There are two children of the last marriage: Jennie, the wife of Dan Itler; and Joseph W., who is at home and manages the farm for his father. Joseph W. was educated in district school No. 8 and wedded Miss Eva Krepner, a daughter of John and Ida Krepner. The Krepner family, like the Shade family, is one of prominence in Montgomery county, being identified with the tobacco business. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Shade make their home on his father's farm and he is an enterprising young farmer. The family belong to the Lutheran church, in which they take a very active and prominent part. Mr. Shade has ever lived an honorable and upright life and is a worthy representative of a family that has been identified with the substantial upbuilding of this great commonwealth and which has exerted a wide influence throughout this section of Ohio.

JOHN ANDREW JONES.

John Andrew Jones is a general farmer of Miami township, owning thirty-five acres of valuable land, located just outside the corporation limits of Miamisburg, on West Linden avenue. He was born in Frederick county, Maryland, May 4, 1853, a son of George and Elizabeth (Waldick) Jones. The former was a son of Jacob and Polly Jones, who left their native state of Virginia and settled in Frederick county, Maryland, where they reared their family, they being among the first settlers of Frederick county. Jacob Jones was a cooper by trade and followed the occupation of farming. His son George, who became the father of our subject, was a native of Frederick county and like his father, learned the cooper's trade. He also engaged in farming pursuits and passed away in the year 1909, being at the time of his demise one of the oldest residents of his locality. Unto him and his wife were born eight children: Sarah, the wife of John M. Sigler, by whom she has eight children, Vilo, Erma, Lizzie, Mayme, Bessie, John, Edna and Alonzo; John A., of this review; Louisa, who has departed this life; Emma; George, a resident of Ohio; Charles, who still makes his home in Maryland; Louis, also of Ohio; and one who died in infancy.

John A. Jones was reared in the south, remaining upon the home farm during the period of his boyhood and youth. It was there that he was trained to habits of economy, industry and frugality, which has served him well in his later life since depending upon his own resources. As the years passed and brought him prosperity he invested his money in his present fine tract of thirty-five acres, situated in Miami township. It is improved with a good modern residence, barn and other outbuildings and owing to its close proximity to the city of Miamisburg, the family can obtain all the advantages that are afforded those who live within its borders, while they can also enjoy the quiet of a rural existence.

Mr. Jones was married to Miss Jennie L. House in February, 1877. Mrs. Jones is a daughter of Levi and Sarah (McBride) House, who removed from Maryland to Montgomery county and became prominent farming people of this section. They reared a large family, of whom Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Emma Grimes and

George W. House live in this county. Mr. and Mrs. Jones were the parents of nine children, five sons and four daughters: Mayme, the wife of Oscar Joy, by whom she has three children, Mary, Ethel and Walter; Edgar, who wedded Stella Hofer and who has four children, Carl, Glenna, Eva and Iva, twins; George; John; Bertha; Jennie; Robert; Stella, who has passed away; and Stanley.

Mr. Jones is identified with the republican party but aside from serving two years as school director has filled no public office. He belongs to the United Brethren church. Quiet in his manner of living, he finds his greatest pleasure at his own fireside in the companionship of his wife and children, and yet he possesses many traits of character that has caused the hospitality of his home to be enjoyed by his friends in the city as well as the country, and wherever he is known he is highly esteemed.

JOST DURST.

Jost Durst is now living retired in Dayton. His life for many years, however, was one of intense and well directed activity, as he put worth earnest and effective efforts in the operation of life's labors. Now, however, he has reached the age of seventy-nine years and for some time has enjoyed that rest which should ever crown old age. His has been an active, useful and honorable life, gaining for him the unqualified respect and confidence of many friends. He was born in the Canton Glarus, Switzerland, on the 27th of April, 1830, and continued a resident of the land of the Alps until the 20th of November, 1848, when he bade adieu to friends and native land and started for the new world, taking passage on a sailing vessel which on the 7th of February, 1849, dropped anchor in the harbor of New Orleans. From the Crescent City he made his way northward to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he arrived on Friday, the 19th of February. The following day he secured employment with a market gardener, working from three o'clock in the morning until ten in the evening for the sum of six dollars per month. The following summer his compensation was increased to ten dollars per month, a fact which indicates he proved his worth to his employer. He continued in Cincinnati and vicinity until 1855, when he removed to Carlisle, Ohio, and after living there for a time established his home at Mud Lick, in Montgomery county. In July, 1857, he removed to Dayton and entered the employ of Kneisell & McIntire, grocers, with whom he remained from July until September, 1857. In September of the latter year he established a retail grocery business on his own account on East Fifth street and was continuously and successfully connected with the trade there until February, 1865, when he sold out and turned his attention to the grain business. He was in that line for five years and in 1870 began the operation of a flour mill, remaining in that line for thirty-seven years, or until April 27, 1907. He was thus connected with business long after the age when most men put aside active duties, his sound judgment and spirit of enterprise making him an important factor in the trade interests of the city and bringing him also a substantial and gratifying success. He was never known to take advantage of another in any business transaction and his fair dealing, coupled with his unremit-

ting diligence, made him a valued representative of the industrial interests of the city.

On the 9th of March, 1852, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, Mr. Durst was united in marriage to Miss Mary Anna Blesi, and unto them were born eight children, of whom four reached years of maturity, namely: Mary, the widow of John Kramer; John W.; Charles S., who departed this life February 28, 1908; and Edward Grant.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Durst has become well known as a prominent Mason, having taken the Knights Templar degree in the York Rite, while in the Scottish Rite he has become a consistory Mason. He is in hearty sympathy with the beneficent spirit and purposes of the craft and is equally loyal to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, with which he has long been connected in membership relations. In politics he is a republican where national issues are involved but casts an independent local ballot nor has he ever sought or desired office as a reward for party fealty. He has always concentrated his energies upon his business affairs, living the life of an enterprising man, who realizes that success depends upon the individual and not upon circumstances or environment. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world and no native born son of America is more loyal to her institutions and the country at large.

CHARLES H. WINCH.

Charles H. Winch is a member of the city board of review of Dayton and well known as a leader in republican circles. He is thoroughly conversant with important questions and issues of the day and with the local political situation and his labors and opinions have been influencing factors in guiding the destiny of the republican party in this city. His birth occurred in Watertown, New York, in 1869 and he was there reared, acquiring a public-school education. At the age of seventeen years, however, he put aside his text-books and began learning the machinist's trade, at which he worked in the east for two years. He then came to Dayton, arriving in this city on the 24th of February, 1889. He came as one of the operatives of the Davis Sewing Machine Company which removed its offices from Watertown to Dayton at that time and continued with the company until 1896 when his activity in political circles led to his selection for a position in the office of the county clerk. There he acted as deputy for five years or until April, 1901, when he was elected clerk of the police court of Dayton and served for six years and eight months or until the 1st of January, 1908. On the 1st of June following he became a member of the city board of review and is now giving his time and energies to the performance of the duties of that position, being regarded as a capable official whose reliability no man questioned.

In October, 1894, in Dayton Mr. Winch was united in marriage to Miss Josephine E. Hirsch and they have one son, Franklin R. Mr. Winch is well known and prominent in fraternal and social organizations. He belongs to the blue lodge of Masons and is a worthy examplar of the craft. He is likewise connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Sons of

Veterans, the fraternal order of Eagles, the Modern Woodmen, the Independent Order of Foresters and the Harugari Liederkranz. He is in hearty sympathy with these organizations in their benevolent as well as their social aspect and those who know him recognize the fact that he understands and appreciates the dependence of man upon his fellowmen nor is he ever remiss in meeting these obligations.

ARTHUR GIESLER.

Arthur Giesler, a consulting engineer, whose comprehensive knowledge of his business in all its scientific as well as its practical phases has brought him a gratifying patronage, was born in Prussia, Germany, in 1852. He came to America in 1881, when a young man of twenty-nine years, attracted by the broader business opportunities and advantages of the new world. Locating first in Hamilton, Ohio, he there remained for a year as engineer and draughtsman in the Niles Tool Works, and in 1882 he removed to Dayton, where he entered the employ of the Stillwell-Bierce Manufacturing Company. He remained with that house through all the changes in partnership until 1906, the last change leading to the organization of the Platt Iron Works. At that date he opened an office as a consulting engineer at No. 29 Broadway, New York, and also in Dayton. He has since established himself in his profession as one well qualified for onerous duties along that line, for as the years have passed his practical experience has broadened his knowledge and promoted his efficiency, while study and research in scientific lines have also been factors in making him the competent consulting engineer that Dayton knows.

Mr. Giesler was married in Prussia in 1880, to Miss Christina Himioben. He is a member of the Dayton Club, the American Society for Testing Materials and the National Waterworks Association. He also belongs to the Masonic fraternity in this city and he was reared in the Lutheran church. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and he has served as waterworks trustee for seven years, while for two years and eight months he was a member of the board of public service. His duties in these connections were discharged with promptness and fidelity, winning him encomiums from his associates and those whom he served in an official capacity.

WILLIAM GREENWALD.

Various industries contribute to the business development of Dayton, among which is that owned and operated by the Zwick-Greenwald Wheel Company, of which William Greenwald is vice president. Alert and enterprising his ready and intelligent appreciation of opportunities and his utilization of the chances that have come to him have brought him to a prominent place in Dayton business circles. He is one of the city's native sons, his birth having here occurred in 1866. His youth was passed in a manner not unlike that of most boys of the

period. The duties of the schoolroom and the pleasures of the playground divided his time until he reached the age of seventeen years when he entered the factory of Zwick & Greenwald, his father, Jacob Greenwald, being the junior partner. From that time to the present he has been identified with the enterprise and has worked his way steadily upward, his close application, unfaltering industry and thorough reliability winning for him promotion from time to time until he is now the vice president. He thus has a voice in the management of the business, which is one of the important productive industries of the city, the house sustaining a splendid reputation for the excellence and durability of its products as well as for the reliability of its dealings.

In 1900 Mr. Greenwald was married in Dayton to Miss Anna C. Beyers and they now have an interesting family of six children, four sons and two daughters. In his social relations Mr. Greenwald is an Elk and is also connected with the Tribe of Ben Hur. In politics he is independent, preferring to vote regardless of party ties rather than to be bound by party dictation. That his life has been in many respects commendable is indicated by the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time.

CARL OBERER.

Carl Oberer, successfully engaged in truck farming in Mad River township, owns four acres of fine garden land on the old Troy pike, about a mile and a half north of the courthouse. He was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, June 26, 1868, a son of Jacob and Rosie (Fritz) Oberer. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Oberer, was an agriculturist by occupation and owned the farm on which the birth of our subject occurred. Jacob Oberer, the father of Carl Oberer, was likewise a farmer and landowner of Germany and was very prominent in the community where he resided. His family numbered five children, as follows: David and Fredericka, who are still living in the fatherland; Carl, of this review; Bertha, who came to the United States with her brother Carl and wedded Charles Suhr, a tinner of Montgomery county, who has a shop on his farm; and Sophia, still a resident of Germany.

Carl Oberer obtained his education in the schools of his native land and when about nineteen years of age crossed the Atlantic to the United States in company with his sister Bertha and an uncle. He came direct to this county and at once secured employment in a foundry at Dayton, working diligently and untiringly until he had saved enough money from his earnings to purchase property in that city. After disposing of that land he bought a farm in Van Buren township and devoted his time and energies to market gardening but soon lost everything owing to a scarcity of water. He still had his implements, however, and removed to Mad River township, where he was engaged in the operation of a rented farm for four years or until he had saved enough capital to make a payment on his present place, where he has since carried on truck farming with marked success. He has a commodious and attractive residence containing nine

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rooms and is well known and highly esteemed throughout the community as a prosperous, representative and enterprising citizen.

On the 15th of January, 1889, Mr. Oberer was united in marriage to Miss Caroline Neff, a daughter of Samuel and Catharine (Kier) Neff, who were also natives of Germany. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Oberer have been born eleven children, of whom seven are living, namely: Gerhard, who is attending school and also assists his father in the work of the home farm; Viola; Roy; Caroline; Matilda; John; and Carl.

In his religious faith Mr. Oberer is a Lutheran and also belongs to the Pioneer Society and the Iowa Benefit Society. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought—which, by the way, are always open to the ambitious, energetic man—and making the best of these he has steadly worked his way upward. The obstacles which beset him at the outset of his business career would have discouraged many a man of less resolute spirit, but with undaunted energy he worked perseveringly on until at length success crowned his efforts. He has gained an extensive circle of warm friends throughout the county in which he has now resided for more than two decades, his honorable and upright career commending him to the confidence and good will of those with whom he has been brought in contact.

ROLAND W. BAGGOTT.

Roland W. Baggott is an attorney and probate judge of Montgomery county, Ohio, having been elected to the latter office in November, 1908. His birth occurred in Louisville, Kentucky, April 16, 1875, and in his infancy he was brought to Dayton to the home of his uncle, the late probate judge, James H. Baggott. Here he was reared and acquired his preliminary education as a public school student. His preparation for a professional career was made in the Ohio State University, completing a course in the law department of that institution with the class of 1900. He was then admitted to a partnership by the late Judge Baggott and Horace D. Worman, also now deceased, under the firm style of Baggott, Baggott & Worman. This relation was maintained until 1903, Judge Baggott, however, having passed away in December, 1902. Early in the following year the partnership between Mr. Worman and Roland W. Baggott was dissolved, after which the latter continued alone in the active practice of law until January, 1908, when he formed a partnership with E. L. Greene under the firm style of Baggott & Greene. In the intervening years his clientage has constantly grown in volume and importance and he has come to be recognized as one of the strong and representative members of the Dayton bar. During the summer of 1908 he was acting police judge of the city and in November of the same year was called by popular suffrage to the office of probate judge of Montgomery county, in which position he is now acceptably serving, being well qualified to solve the intricate legal problems connected with the work of his office.

On the 16th of July, 1902, Mr. Baggott was married, in Dayton, to Miss Mabel Chaffin, a daughter of George W. Chaffin, superintendent of the Fletcher Manufacturing Company. They have two sons, James C. and Horace Worman. The family attend the First Baptist church, of which Judge Baggott is a member. He is also connected with the Dayton Bicycle Club and the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. The social phases of life are of interest to him, but never to the exclusion of that interest and activity demanded by his professional duties. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and, recognizing the obligations as well as the privileges of citizenship he labors earnestly for the principles which he deems adequate to the conservation and promotion of good government.

HENRY LAMBERT.

Among those who have been active factors in the upbuilding of Montgomery county and who have gained a competency through the cultivation of the soil may be numbered Henry Lambert, who through this means has gained the prosperity that now enables him to live in honorable retirement in his pleasant home on one hundred and six acres of land, located in Miami township, a mile and a half from Miamisburg on the Lower Germantown road. The paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lambert, located in Montgomery county during its early pioneer days but later removed to Indiana, where they spent their remaining years, passing away near Columbus, that state. It was their son Joseph who became the father of our subject. He made the overland journey to this state from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1800, being the first of the family to arrive in the Buckeye state. He wedded Miss Eliza Gebhart and established his home in Jefferson township, Montgomery county, following farming as a life work. He lived to a ripe old age, passing away when ninety-three years and twelve days old, his remains being interred in the cemetery at Ellerton, this state.

Henry Lambert was born on the old homestead farm in Jefferson tonwship, October 26, 1837, and at the usual age began his education, which was acquired in one of the old-time log schoolhouses in Jefferson township, the methods of instruction being equally as primitive as was the building. During the periods of vacation he assisted his father in the operation of the home farm and after reaching mature years began farming on his own account. Although he started out with little capital he has in the years that have since passed accumulated a valuable property of one hundred and six acres in Miami township and also the home where he now resides on the west side. On his farm he tilled the soil and annually gathered rich crops, which added to his financial resources until he was at length enabled to put aside all business cares and is now living retired.

Mr. Lambert was united in marriage to Miss Maria Recher, a daughter of Joseph and Catharine (Stiver) Recher. Mr. and Mrs. Lambert have lived to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary, the 4th day of August, 1909, marking this era of their lives, and their many friends hope to see them enjoy many more years of wedded happiness. As the years have passed twelve children have come to bless their union, the record being as follows: Catharine, the wife of

William Braun, and the mother of two children, Everett and Marlow; Joseph, who wedded Miss Josie Stample, their family numbering two children, Muriel and Walter; George, who wedded Miss Anna Hartzell and has five children, Laura, Marjorie, Dorothy, Allen and Henry; Perry, who wedded Miss Lucinda Smith, their family numbering five children, Esther, Wilbur, Carl, Mark and Edna; Charles, who wedded Miss Anna Gruver; Ira, who wedded Miss Mary Lightcap, and is the father of three children, Eva, Anna and Russell; Florence, who became the wife of John Baker but is now deceased, she having been the mother of four children, Henry, Herbert, George and Richard; Harvey, who practices dentistry in Dayton, is married and has one daughter, Vera; Maud, the wife of Peter Gebhart, by whom she has a daughter, Mildred; Ora, who has departed this life; one who died in infancy; and Eliza, the wife of Ed. Kuhn, by whom she has five children, Luster, Carl, Earl, Harry and Vesta. The parents and all their children belong to the Lutheran church.

Mr. Lambert has spent his entire life in Montgomery county, covering a period of seventy-two years. Thinking back over these seven decades, one can picture the conditions as he actually saw them—the vast stretches of wild and undeveloped country, with an occasional log shanty or crude frame dwelling, and primitive methods of travel. As the years pass we can imagine the more modern improvements being made at the country becomes more thickly settled, homes being built, railroads intersecting the country, the telegraph and telephone lines being installed and various other improvements being made to add to the comfort of the inhabitants. All this Mr. Lambert has witnessed and we must also give him credit for having been an important factor in bringing this about and we can rejoice with him that he has lived to enjoy in his declining years the comforts of a commodious and modern home and the companionship of a host of warm friends.

J. ELLIOT PEIRCE.

J. Elliot Peirce is the managing director of the Peirce, Williams Company, owners of the Algonquin Hotel, and is also interested in the industrial affairs of the city in connection with the Marbleithic Company. The place which he has made for himself in the business world entitles him to representation in this volume and moreover he is a representative of one of the old families, the name of Peirce figuring in connection with the substantial progress and development of Dayton from the days of its villagehood. He was born on a farm in Montgomery county, Ohio, April 17, 1861, and represents one of the oldest families of the state, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peirce, having been members of the party who made the first settlement in Ohio. It was about the beginning of the nineteenth century that he family home was esablished at Dayton and Joseph Peirce became one of the early bankers of the city and a leading and influential man whose labors were an element in shaping the policy and molding the destiny of the city during its formative period. His son, Jeremiah H. Peirce, was born in Dayton in September, 1818, and was early connected with the Miami

Lard Company, conducting business in that association until 1876, when he became senior partner of the firm of Peirce & Coleman for the purpose of conducting a general contracting and building business, including mill work. They also dealt extensively in hardwood lumber and finishings and developed a large business, furnishing employment to many workmen. This became one of the important industries of the city and as his father had done in the early days of Dayton, Jeremiah H. Peirce occupied a prominent place in the business circles through the middle portion of the nineteenth century. He married Elizabeth Forrer, also a native of this city.

Their son, J. Elliot Peirce, was reared on the home farm and pursued his education in Professor Robert's private school, continuing his studies to the age of twenty years, when he put aside his text-books and entered the employ of Peirce & Coleman, his father being the senior partner of the firm. He bent his energies to familarizing himself with and mastering the business in every particular, acting as an employe until 1889 when the Peirce & Coleman Company was organized and J. Elliott Peirce was chosen president. He continued at the head of the business until 1896 when the company was dissolved and he turned his attention to other commercial interests in connection with the Marbleithic Company of Dayton. He is thus associated at the present time and is also proprietor of the Algonquin Hotel. His keen business discernment enables him to carefully and capably control his interests and his success is the legitimate and logical outcome of his energy and intelligent application.

In 1885, in Findlay, Ohio, Mr. Peirce was married to Miss Frances Harsh, a native of that city, and they have become the parents of five children, four daughters and one son, Elizabeth Forrer, Virginia O'Neil, Mary Frances, Dorothy Howard and John Elliot, Jr. In political views Mr. Peirce has always been a republican, giving support to the party because of his close study of its principles and his belief that its salient elements are fundamental in good government. He holds membership in the Presbyterian church and is a scholarly gentleman of wide reading and broad general information, while his standing in business circles places him among the prominent representatives of industrial and commercial interests in Dayton.

HON. WILLIAM HENRY MECK.

Hon. William Henry Meck, numbered among the leading representatives of public instruction in Ohio, his present position being that of principal of Stivers high school of Dayton, has also become prominently known in connection with republican operations, having retired from the state senatorship on the 1st of January, 1909. His life activities have been so directed as to make his a useful career and the angle of his influence and labors is continually broadening.

Professor Meck's father was John F. Meck, who was born in Wurtemberg, Germany, September 1, 1816. His mother, Mrs. Christiana (Schiefer) Meck, was born in Wurtemberg, May 13, 1830, and they were married in Crawford county, Ohio, in 1851. The father passed away May 17, 1899, but the mother still

survives and is now living in Chatfield, Ohio. They were the parents of the following named: Susan, the wife of Daniel Brinkman, living in Sandusky, Ohio; C. Frederick, of Nevada, Ohio, who was an infirmary director of Crawford county; Lena, a resident of Toledo, Ohio; John A., of Bucyrus, Ohio, who served as justice of the peace; Benjamin F., of Bucyrus, who filled the office of prosecuting attorney of Wyandot county; Sarah, the wife of Herman Hesche, of Bucyrus; David C., who is city school examiner of Cleveland; William Henry; Charles W., of Toledo, who was a judge upon the bench; Noah W., of Chatfield, Ohio; and Emanuel, deceased.

Born upon a farm in Crawford county, Ohio, on the 19th of June, 1865, he there resided to the age of sixteen years, the quiet and uneventful life of the country being his. In addition to the lessons taught him in the public schools he learned much from nature and found in the free open life of the fields a stimulus for physical strength and vigor. Desirous of enjoying further intellectual training and discipline he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, from which he was graduated with the class of 1894, being one of the honor men in a class of ninety-four members. Taking up the profession of teaching as a life work, he accepted the position of principal in the city high school at Sidney, Ohio, and in 1895 came to Dayton to accept the position of instructor in the Steele high school. There he remained for thirteen and a half years or until the 8th of February, 1909, when he was chosen assistant principal of the Stivers high school. In 1898 he was appointed state school examiner by Hon. L. D. Bonebrake and served for five years. He was then reappointed in 1903 and filled the position in all for ten years, or longer than any other man in the state. On the 27th of May, 1909, he was elected principal of the Stivers Manual Training high school. His notable ability, his personal zeal and interest in his work and his advocacy and adoption of the highest ideals have logically led to his advancement in professional lines from time to time, his recent promotion coming to him as a well merited honor and recognition of his worth.

On the 30th of November, 1905, Professor Meck was married in Dayton to Miss Florence A., a daughter of Henry W. Borghardt, who was born in Germany, July 23, 1845. Her mother, Mrs. Catherine (Must) Borghardt, was born in Alexandersville, Ohio, July 6, 1846, and they are now living in Dayton. Their children were: William and Edward W., both now deceased; Emma L., the wife of John Trautman, of Dayton; Henry J., also living in Dayton; Bertha M., the wife of Ralph A. Herbruck; Cora E., deceased; and Florence A. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Meck have been born two daughters, Florence Eleanor and Catherine Adrienne. Professor Meck holds membership in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and has taken the degrees of Scottish Rite in Masonry for he is appreciative of the beneficient spirit and purposes of these organizations and the social amenities thereby offered, as well. His religious faith is indicated in his membership in the Grace Methodist Episcopal church. His political allegiance has always been given to the republican party and the questions which are to the statesman and man of affairs of vital import are thoroughly understood by him as he has given close study to the issues and the questions of the day and to all subjects affected by the political movements of the country. His thorough understanding thereof has well qualified him for leadership and the worth of his political service, combined

with his patriotic citizenship, received recognition in his election to the office of state senator. He served from the 1st of January, 1906, until January, 1909, during which time he was connected with much constructive, restrictive and regulative legislation. He understands not only the constitutional prerogative of the legislator but also has broad knowledge of existing laws for he has given much time and study to the principles of jurisprudence and in 1904 was admitted to the bar. However, he has regarded the profession of teaching as his real life work and has been honored by those who are his colleagues in this field of labor in election to the presidency of the High School Teachers' Association of Ohio and to the presidency of the Central Ohio Teachers' Association. He also served for three years on the executive committee of the latter. He has been the secretary and a member of the executive committee of the Superintendents Round Table of Western Ohio and was also called to preside over its meetings as president. His interest in his work is prompted by a broad humanitarianism as well as the appreciation of intellectual progress, recognizing that from the well trained mind must proceed the ability of the individual and the strength of the nation. He has long been an analytical student of the sociological, economical, political and moral problems which confront the race in the present age and his expressed opinions are presented cogently and convincingly.

CHARLES IRVIN GILBERT.

Charles Irvin Gilbert, owning and operating a farm of one hundred acres of land in Miami township, is recognized as one of the best farmers of that portion of the county. Born on the 16th of December, 1856, he is a native of Montgomery county, his birth occurring two miles north of Germantown in Jackson township, on a farm which is now in his possession. He is a son of Cyrus H. and Mary M. (Myers) Gilbert. The paternal grandparents were James and Sarah (Zeller) Gilbert, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, who was the first of the family to arrive in Montgomery county. After coming to Ohio and discovering the excellent advantages offered here, he returned home and induced several of his brothers to accompany him to Montgomery county. The trip was made in 1815, James Gilbert walking all the way, while one of his brothers rode upon his horse. Thus the Gilbert family has long been represented in Ohio, being among the early settlers, while representatives of the name have at all times borne their full share in the development and improvement of the county. James Gilbert was a wagonmaker by occupation, learning the trade with his father, who was a mechanic and later in life engaged in farming. He never came to this county. The death of James Gilbert occurred in Germantown when he had reached the ripe old age of eighty years, while his wife survived him for several years, their remains being interred in that city.

Cyrus Gilbert, the father of our subject, was born on the old Gilbert homestead about three miles west of Ellerton on the Ellerton and Farmersville pike. He was reared and educated in Montgomery county and engaged in farming up to the time of his removal to Germantown. He married Mary M. Myers

and in their family were eight children: Lizzie, Charles Irvin, Ida, Sallie, Laura, Rose, Lincoln and Edmund, of whom Rose and Edmund are now deceased. The father passed away in Germantown, but the mother is still living at the age of seventy-five years and enjoys excellent health. She makes her home with her children, who are now scattered throughout the United States. She is a member of the United Brethren church and is very active in all phases of the church work.

Charles Irvin Gilbert, whose name introduces this review, was reared upon the home farm, receiving his early training in the district school No. 9, while later he attended the old Lutheran College now known as the Miami Valley Military Institute. After his graduation therefrom he engaged with his father in general farming and was thus connected up to the time of his marriage, which occurred in 1881. On the 10th of February, of that year, he wedded Mary A. Eby, a daughter of Adam S. and Elizabeth (Bertel) Eby, both of whom are now deceased.

After his marriage Mr. Gilbert engaged in farming on his own account, becoming the owner of one hundred acres of fine land in Miami township, about three miles northeast of Germantown on the Dayton and Germantown pike. He is directing his entire energies to the further improvement of this place, has brought his fields under a high state of cultivation and has installed all of the modern devices for facilitating farm labor, so that today his is one of the desirable and valuable properties of the township. He carries on general agricultural pursuits, though he makes a specialty of raising tobacco, and is regarded as one of the best farmers in his section of the county.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert has been blessed with three children, namely: Nellie, now the wife of Wilber Mitchell, by whom she has one daughter, Mary Jane; John, who has completed his education and is now assisting his father on the home farm; and Robert, deceased. Mr. Gilbert is a member of the United Brethren church of Germantown and has been trustee thereof for ten years. Having spent his entire life in this county, his record is well known to his fellow citizens and he is highly esteemed throughout the community for his upright, honorable life.

MAURICE COSTELLO.

There is no record which America holds in greater regard than that of the self-made man, from the fact that such a career is indicative of certain traits of character, among which are self-reliance, courage in facing unfavorable circumstances and unfaltering industry which every individual must admire. The history of Maurice Costello is that of one whose start in the business world was humble but who, through his persistency of purpose and unflagging energy, has reached a creditable place as the president of the Nixon & Costello Company, manufacturers of paper bottle wrappers in Dayton.

He was born in County Kerry, Ireland, near the lake of Kilarney, March 16, 1851, and spent his early youth in that region of picturesque beauty. He

heard and heeded the call of America, however, when about fifteen years of age, coming alone to the new world in June, 1866. He at once made his way to Chicago, where he resided for a few weeks, and then removed to Lima, Ohio, where he remained for a year. In 1867 he came to Dayton and secured a position in the freight house of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company, there continuing for a year and a half, after which he secured a position with the Mead & Nixon Paper Company. A year later he was given their hauling contract, which he had for a period of thirty years.

In the meantime, however, Mr. Costello has branched out in other lines of business and has become a substantial factor in industrial circles. It was about 1883 that he began the manufacture of bottle wrappers as a partner of F. M. Nixon but the latter withdrew in 1892 and in 1893 the Nixon & Costello Company was organized, Mr. Costello becoming its president. The output of the house is now extensive, finding a ready sale and the capable management of the business has brought to the enterprise a substantial measure of success. Mr. Costello is also the president of the Peerless Paper Company of Dayton and, extending his efforts to various other corporate interests, is now a director of the Dayton Electric Light Company, of the Royal Remedy Extract Company of Dayton and of the City National Bank, and is the vice president of the Equitable Loan & Savings Association. His business judgment is regarded as sound and his cooperation is therefore a valuable asset in the control of important commercial and industrial interests.

On the 9th of June, 1869, Mr. Costello was united in marriage in Dayton to Miss Bridget Sheehy and they have eight children, two sons and six daughters: Margaret M., the wife of Edward Flaherty, of Dayton; Michael J.; Mary B.; Catharine, the wife of Thomas Larkin, of Dayton; Robert M.; Terese, the wife of Peter Kuntz, of Dayton; Anna D.; and Helen.

Mr. Costello's fraternal relations are with the Elks and the Knights of Columbus. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to seek a home in the new world for here he has found the opportunities which he sought and which, by the way, are always open to ambitious, energetic young men. Through the utilization of the advantages and chances which surround all, he has come into important relations with the trade interests of his adopted city.

HENRY BURKHARDT.

Henry Burkhardt, president of The Henry Burkhardt Packing Company of Dayton, has developed an enterprise of considerable importance, and the ability which he has displayed in managing the concern has made him one of the prosperous citizens of Dayton. He is of German birth, his natal day being June 20, 1857, and the place of his nativity in Knittlingen, Wurtemberg. His father, Louis Burkhardt, was born in that country in 1802, and spent his entire life in Germany, where he passed away in 1868. His wife, whose name in her maidenhood was Keppler, was a relative of the great astronomer Keppler. Her death occurred in 1878, when she was sixty-eight years of age. In their family were

HENRY BURKHARDT

twelve children, eight sons and four daughters, of whom six sons and two daughters came to the United States, but only three sons and one daughter are now living in America, these being: Henry, of this review; Ernst, a resident of Springfield, Ohio; Charles, of Denver, Colorado; and Katherine, the widow of Gustave Ginter, of Cincinnati; while one son is still living in Germany.

Henry Burkhardt spent the first sixteen years of his life in his native land and then crossed the Atlantic to the new world. Arriving in 1873 he first located in Cincinnati, where he worked for his brother for a time, and in 1876 came to Dayton, securing employment with Adam Schantz, with whom he was connected in the packing business for a year or more. Desiring, however, that his labors should directly benefit himself, he began the packing business on his own account on a small scale and as the years have gone by has promoted and developed an enterprise that has assumed very extensive proportions and is now one of the profitable industries of the city. On embarking in this business he killed only twelve or fifteen calves per week, but his company now does an extensive pork and beef packing business, employing about one hundred and twenty-five men. His company has splendid facilities for carrying on their business, including a well equipped plant, their products being widely known to the trade. He still has in his possession the first horse which he ever owned and which is thirty-six years old. The animal served him well and faithfully for many years and is now cared for in its old age.

In 1878, in Dayton, Mr. Burkhardt was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Eckert, and they have four children: Louis J.; Susan K.; Minnie, the wife of Louis C. Schantz; and Henry, Jr. Another son, William, died in infancy. He also has one grandchild, Henry Burkhardt Schantz, the son of his daughter Minnie. In 1897 the family held a reunion, at which time they entertained about fourteen hundred guests.

In his social relations Mr. Burkhardt is a Knight of Pythias and is also identified with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He likewise belongs to the German Lutheran church and is interested in those movements and measures which are of direct value in the upbuilding of the city and in the promotion of its growth along many substantial lines. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for here he finds the opportunities which he sought and in their improvement has worked his way steadily upward, gaining that success which follows honorable, persistent and determined effort.

MARION A. GETTER.

Marion A. Getter, has for the past two years been the manager of the Weaver farm, which comprises one hundred and twenty-four acres of rich and productive land and is situated on the Miamisburg and Franklin pike, about three miles south of Miamisburg. His birth occurred on the old George Shade farm near Gettysburg, Ohio, on the 10th of July, 1882, his parents being Charles and Christina Ann (Smith) Getter. The father, who was born and reared in Montgomery county, still lives on the old Getter homestead on Bear Creek, about

two miles north of Miamisburg, and is one of the well known and successful agriculturists of his community. His children are four in number, namely: Mrs. Amelia Kuhns; Marion A., of this review; and Elsie and Herbert, both at home.

Marion A. Getter obtained his preliminary education in district school No. 8 and finished his course of study in schools Nos. 9 and 7. When not busy with his text-books he gave his father the benefit of his services in the cultivation of the old home farm, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. After completing his education he spent about two years in a tobacco factory at Miamisburg but is now identified with general farming interests, having for the past two years managed the farm of Dr. Weaver in Miami township. He has brought the fields under a high state of cultivation and development and the neat and thrifty appearance of the place is unmistakable evidence of his careful supervision and well directed labor. He likewises raises some stock for the Miamisburg market and is widely recognized as a young man of good business ability and enterprising spirit, whose success is directly attributable to his own efforts.

On the 31st of August, 1905, Mr. Getter was united in marriage to Miss Belle Ball, a daughter of William and Lizzie (Kline) Ball. Her father, who came to this country from the north of Ireland, still survives and makes his home east of Miamisburg. He is prominent in public affairs, taking an active and helpful interest in all matters pertaining to the general welfare. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Getter have been born two children: Lawrence Edward and one who died in infancy. Mr. Getter belongs to the junior order of United American Mechanics at Miamisburg and in religious faith is a Lutheran. He has always resided in this section of the state and is well and favorably known here, his many sterling traits of character having won him an extensive circle of friends.

RALPH A. HERBRUCK.

Ralph A. Herbruck, purchasing agent for the Dayton Malleable Iron Company, was born in Canton, August 26, 1878, and his record is an indication of the fact that Ohio cities offer opportunities and advantages unsurpassed by any of the other great business centers of the world for a census shows that a great majority of substantial business men of Dayton have had their nativity in Ohio. Mr. Herbruck was but two years old when his parents removed to this city and at the usual age he was sent to the public schools where he has passed through succeeding grades until he had completed the four years' high-school course. Desiring more specific preparation for the duties of the business world he then entered the Miami Commercial College and, after completing his course there, accepted a position as stenographer with the Dayton Malleable Iron Company in 1898. His diligence, enterprise and business capacity won recognition leading to his promotion from one position to another of larger responsibility until he became purchasing agent. Extending his efforts into other lines he is the secretary and treasurer of the Speedwell Motor Car Company of Dayton and

is recognized as one of the influential factors among the young business men of the city.

In 1908 in Dayton Mr. Herbruck was married to Miss Bertha M. Borghardt and they have an extensive circle of warm friends while their recently established home is most attractive by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality. Mr. Herbruck belongs to the Trinity Reform church, excluding not his religious duties by the onerous demands of business life. Socially he is a member of the Dayton City Club.

J. A. BROWN, M. D.

Dr. J. A. Brown is widely known in Montgomery county, being the leading physician of Germantown and his section of the county. He is a native of the Buckeye state, his birth occurring near Camden, in Preble county, and he is the youngest in a family of two sons and two daughters, whose parents were William and Mary A. (Beall) Brown. The father was a little lad of six years when he was brought by his parents, Joseph and Abagail Brown, from New Jersey, his native state, to Ohio. Joseph Brown was one of six brothers who in 1805 left New Jersey and entered government land in Preble county. The land at that time was wild and undeveloped but it is now some of the best farming property in that section.

The father was reared amid pioneer surroundings and was trained to the duties of the home farm, working in the fields during the summer months, while in the winter seasons he pursued his education in the schools near his home. In early life he learned the carpenter's trade and later engaged in contracting, becoming a prominent man in building circles. He was the founder of the Quaker church near Camden, in Preble county, and became an active worker therein. As above stated, his wife bore the maiden name of Mary A. Beall, and unto them were born four children: F. A., a retired merchant of Richmond, Indiana; Laura, the wife of J. P. Scott, of Oxford, Ohio; Minnie, the wife of F. G. Hornung, a physician of Hamilton, Ohio; and Dr. J. A. Brown, of this review.

Dr. Brown was reared on the home farm and acquired his early education in the district schools. He then took a preparatory course in the schools of Lewisburg, after which he engaged in teaching in that city for a time. Deciding upon the practice of medicine as a life work, to that end he entered the Medical College of Ohio at Cincinnati and was graduated from that institution in 1878. Having thus carefully prepared for the practice of medicine and surgery he came to Germantown three weeks after his graduation and opened an office, since which time he has successfully followed his profession. He at once demonstrated his skill and ability as a medical practitioner and in the thirty-one years that has since passed he has built up a large and lucrative practice.

On the 5th of April, 1878, Mr. Brown was united in marriage to Miss Marie L. Singer, a daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Zitzer) Singer, the former a manufacturer and prominent citizen of Lewisburg, this state. Dr. and Mrs.

Brown have two daughters: Edna, the wife of Dr. T. H. Dickinson, of Germantown; and Helen L., a student in the Western College at Oxford.

Prominent in Masonic circles, the Doctor has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite, while he is also identified with the Odd Fellows lodge at Germantown. He holds membership in various medical societies, including the County, State and National Medical Associations. He resides in a modern home recently built, located just outside the corporation limits of Germantown. He is a man of culture, generous to friend or foe, and his life of industry has brought a rich reward in the high estimate his acquaintances place upon him as a physician and a man.

ALFRED J. FIORINI.

Alfred J. Fiorini, an active representative of the Dayton bar, practicing as a member of the law firm of Fiorini & White, is also well known in connection with public service, being now secretary of the board of elections in Dayton. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, April 18, 1875, and there resided until 1879 when he was taken to New York by his parents, Henry and Victoria (Gori) Fiorini. His father was born in Florence, Italy, in July, 1844, and he is a son of Joseph and Catharine (Lotti) Fiorini. He acquired his elementary education in the common schools of Florence and attended the gymnasium in his native city and later attended the Academy of Fine Arts, where he was instructed in plastics for three years and was then graduated with honors in 1865. As an Italian patriot he took part in the war against Austria which resulted in a united Italy, but the larger freedom of the new world attracted him and in 1868 he arrived in New York where he worked at his art for twenty months. During the succeeding year he was engaged in wood carving in New Orleans and subsequently spent three months in Chicago, Illinois, whence he went to Montreal where he was employed as a wood decorator by the Pullman Car Company. Eight months later, in 1872, he went to Boston, Massachusetts, where for sixteen months he was engaged as designer of ornamental work and foreman of a furniture firm. In the fall of 1873 he made a visit to his native land and was there married, after which he returned with his bride to Boston, where he resided until 1879, after which he was employed for several years at his art in New York city. In 1885 he arrived in Dayton where he has since been engaged in the various branches of his profession, being connected with decorative work with the Barney & Smith Car Company for about six years, while since 1895 he has been senior partner of the firm of Fiorini & Sherer, engaged in plastic decoration, plastic work, wood carving, designing, modeling and drawing ornamental patterns for interiors of buildings. The firm has met with substantial success, having an extensive patronage, their services being in demand in the decoration of many of the fine buildings of the city.

In politics Henry Fiorini is a stalwart republican and fraternally is connected with the Masons. In 1882 he had the misfortune to lose his wife, who died in January of that year, at the early age of thirty-two. They were the parents of

four children, but two have passed away, the surviving daughter being Louise Fiorini.

The son, Alfred J. Fiorini, spent his first four years in his native city and was then a resident of New York from 1879 until 1885, when, at the age of ten years he accompanied his parents on their removal to Dayton. Here he continued his education in the public schools and also pursued a course in the College Preparatory School conducted by Professor A. B. Shauck. Later he entered the law office of Nevin & Kumler, who directed his reading for a time, while subsequently he spent two years in the Cincinnati Law School and was admitted to the bar in 1901. Immediately afterward he opened a law office in Dayton and in 1908 entered into partnership with N. W. White under the firm style of Fiorini & White. They have a good clientage and have done considerable important business in the courts.

Mr. Fiorini is also well known because of his efficient public service in different connections. He was appointed fire marshal by Governor George T. Nash, having previously served as second deputy under S. D. Hollenbeck. He occupied the position of fire marshal for seven years and largely promoted the efficiency of the department. In 1906 he was chosen secretary of the board of elections, which position he is now filling. He is a valued and popular member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and he also holds membership in the First Baptist church.

HARRY M. WOLFE.

Harry M. Wolfe, attorney, ex-mayor and the present postmaster of Germantown, Ohio, was born April 28, 1881, in Dayton, Ohio, and is the son of Harry R. and Ella (Rott) Wolfe. His mother is the present wife of Dr. G. C. Myers, of Dayton. His paternal grandparents were John and Susan (Rench) Wolfe, and after the death of the grandfather his widow married Judge Dennis Dwyer, of Dayton, but she is now deceased.

Harry M. Wolfe came to Germantown where he was about four years of age. In the schools here he received his early education, during a period of eleven and a half years, and then went to Notre Dame at South Bend, Indiana, where in three and a half years he completed his high-school work and two years of the classical course. Upon the completion of the collegiate work at this institution he entered the University of Michigan, from which he received his degree in law in 1905. In the September following his graduation he came to Germantown, where he opened an office on Center street and entered upon a promising career. In November of that year, when he was but twenty-four years of age, he was made mayor of Germantown. Although he was one of the youngest mayors in the state at that time, the two years of his government were among the best of those served by any similar official, and his administration was notable for the advance it made in cleanliness and general effectiveness. In political matters he espouses the republican cause and is a prominent figure in the county councils of that party. His appointment as postmaster was confirmed by the

senate June 12, 1909, and on the 1st of July following he entered upon his new duties. The few months that have elapsed may serve to indicate in some measure the high character of Mr. Wolfe's administration of the office. That succeeding years will prove its efficiency there can be no doubt.

On the 17th of July, 1906, Mr. Wolfe was united in marriage to Miss Nellie M. Endress, the daughter of Joseph and Josie (Raines) Endress, her father being one of the well known tobacco men of the county.

Mr. Wolfe is an active politician and has served on the county committees and in the conventions that regulate and take charge of local politics. He also takes an active part in the several fraternal and social organizations to which he belongs. He is secretary of Friendship Lodge, No. 21, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is a member of the Masonic lodge of Germantown, and Trinity Chapter, No. 44, R. A. M., of Miamisburg. The Junior Order of United American Mechanics numbers him as a most energetic member, and he is now serving as treasurer of that order. In short, he is a young man, of little experience as yet, who, to use a colloquial expression, does not let any grass grow under his feet, but who has shown a real desire to receive favors which he can prove he is worthy of at the hands of the people of his community. Honest and imbued with strong principles, there is every reason to anticipate that the people will profit by any confidence they may show in his abilities.

PETER W. ARTZ.

There is perhaps no citizen in the state of Ohio who has gained a wider reputation among the stock breeders and dealers of the United States than has Peter W. Artz, who handles sheep, cattle and hogs but makes a specialty of the former. He makes his home on a well improved farm of one hundred and forty-three acres in Wayne township, which was also the place of his birth, his natal day being September 15, 1855. The father, Henry H. Artz, was born near Fredericksburg, Washington county, Maryland, in 1822 and when a lad of nine years accompanied his parents on their removal from Maryland to a farm near Fairfield, Ohio, the journey being made by wagon and requiring thirty-three days. He was a youth of fifteen when he took up his abode upon the farm which has since been his home and which is now owned by our subject. The father acquired his education in the schools of this neighborhood and after completing his studies engaged in teaching two or three years. He then took up the occupation of farming, which he followed throughout his active business career but he is now living retired, making his home with his son Peter. He has reached the very advanced age of eighty-seven years. In early life he was united in marriage to Miss Susan Crow, who was born in Virginia in 1827 and was but two years of age when she was brought from her native state to Ohio. She gave her hand in marriage to Henry H. Artz in Miami county in 1847, and they lived happily together until separated by death, Mrs. Artz passing away in the faith of the Methodist church, January 6, 1892, her remains being interred in the cemetery at New Carlisle. She had lived a long, honorable and useful life,

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being sixty-five years of age at the time of her demise. Mr. Artz, like his wife, is a devoted Christian, holding membership in the Osborn Methodist church and has always taken an active part in all church work.

Peter W. Artz spent the period of his boyhood and youth much in the usual manner of farm lads, assisting his father in the work of the fields during the plowing, planting and harvesting seasons, while in the winter months he pursued his studies in the district schools of the neighborhood, where he gained his literary knowledge and later he pursued a business course in Wilt's Commercial College at Dayton. After completing his education he started out upon an independent business venture by farming and breeding high grades of stock. He has now become one of the most successful breeders of Hampshire Down sheep in the country, making importations from England nearly every year and in August of the present year received a shipment from that country. He makes shipments to nearly every state in the Union and each year exhibits his stock at the Columbus State Fair and also at the International Live Stock Show at Chicago, having acted as judge at the latter for three successive years. He has carried off many prizes from the various places he has made exhibits and has won a national reputation as a stock breeder. Until recently he bred Red polled cattle and Poland China hogs, making exhibits of these at the county fair. In addition to his interests in this connection, Mr. Artz also gives some time to general farming and is now the owner of the homestead property of one hundred and forty-three acres.

Mr. Artz chose as a companion and helpmate Miss Ida M. Scarff, of Miami county, Ohio, their marriage being celebrated September 13, 1883. Her parents, B. B. and Harriett (Neff) Scarff, are now living retired. Mr. Scarff was formerly a farmer of Miami county and took an active and helpful part in public measures, having held the office of commissioner of Miami county for seven years, while for several years he filled the offices of mayor and justice of the peace in Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

Following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Artz lived on a farm adjoining that of her father in Miami county, which he cultivated four years and then removed to Bethel township, Clarke county, making his home there fifteen years, prior to taking up his abode on his present home farm. It was while residing in Miami and Clarke counties that four children were added to the household: Scarff B., who was born July 28, 1884; Marie A., born September 8, 1888; Gladys H., born July 8, 1892, and now a junior at the Osborn high school; and Judd Howard, who was born July 26, 1893, and died when sixteen months old. The eldest son, Scarff B., graduated from the Olive Branch high school and is now on the farm with his father. He was married February 17, 1909, to Miss Olive Senseman, of Miami county. Marie Artz also attended high school at Osborn and is now at home. She has taken up the study of music.

Mr. Artz supports the men and measures of the republican party and for ten years served as a member of the school board in Bethel township, Clarke county, while he was also a member of the agricultural board of Miami county four years. He has been trustee of Wayne township for seven years, and in all his official positions has ever discharged his duties with the same promptness that he displays in his private business affairs. He and his family are identified

with the Osborn Methodist church and while residing in Miami county served six years as superintendent of the Sunday school at Palm Chapel. He is a man who possesses splendid business ability and possesses all the elements of what may be termed a "square" man, one in whom his fellowmen can have confidence. He is well known in various sections of the country in connection with his breeding interests and wherever known the name of Peter W. Artz stands as a synonym for honesty, integrity and upright dealing.

GEORGE HECK.

George Heck, a dealer in horses in Harrison township, Montgomery county, was born in this township, September 16, 1866, on the old Heck farm, on Cincinnati street, about two miles south of the courthouse in Dayton. He is the son of Peter and Magdalena (Boddem) Heck. The father came direct to Dayton from Germany when he was a young man. He had received all his education in the land of his birth and on coming to the United States continued in the business he had pursued before leaving home. The capacity for hard work, which has ever been one of his strong characteristics, stood him in good stead when he started to make his way in the new country, so that it was not very many years before, by careful saving and good management, he was able to purchase the land which became the old homestead. His children were: Peter; Mary; Mort, deceased; Elizabeth; George; Charles; Hannah; Emma, deceased; Frank; Rose; Amanda, deceased; and John. Peter Heck's parents could never be induced to leave the country which had always been their home, so it was left to him to establish the family here.

George Heck received his first educational training in the schools of this county, going to Dayton to obtain what the higher institutions of learning there had to give, but during all the years that he was prosecuting his studies he was working with his father on the farm, so that by the time that his education was completed, he was a skilled cultivator of the soil and ready to undertake the care and responsibility of a farm of his own. To bringing forth from the land a high quality of vegetables and garden truck he devoted the greater part of his time up to within the last ten years, and during this period was the owner of a considerable piece of land. He gradually drifted into the horse business, however, beginning in a small way while he still continued his gardening, and then entering into it on a larger and larger scale. There were many things about the business that appealed to him strongly, he gave to it almost all of his time and soon made it one of the largest of its kind in this part of the state, and this without ever going beyond Dayton for a market in his buying and selling operations.

On the 15th of November, 1886, Mr. Heck was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Grusenmeyer, whose parents, Michael and Elizabeth Grusenmeyer, are very prominent in German circles. Mr. and Mrs. Heck have been blessed with seven children. Irwin, the oldest son, has completed his education in the Dayton schools and is an assistant to this father in his business: Rosie and Syl-

vester have also finished their school work; while Carl is still studying; Agnes, Michael and Joseph are the three youngest. The family are regular in their attendance at the services of St. John's church, Dayton.

Mr. Heck exhibits by his life and the success of his business what may be accomplished by hard work and a careful conserving of resources. It is wholly through his own efforts that he has attained a position of note in his calling. Yet all his diligence would have amounted to naught were it not united with the most scrupulous honor which distinguishes him in all his dealings.

HARRY M. ALTICK.

Harry M. Altick, as proprietor of the Dayton Engine Works, is well known in the industrial circles of Dayton, while he also figures prominently along other lines of activity in this city. As the name indicates, the family is of German descent and is one of the old and well known families of Dayton, the grandfather of our subject, Daniel Altick, a native Virginian, having been numbered among the first of Dayton's early citizens. He was engaged in the brass manufacturing business in this county and upon his demise was laid to rest in Dayton. His wife was Rachel (Wolf) Altick. His son William Altick, the father of our subject, was also numbered among Dayton's oldest citizens. A native of this city, he removed with his parents to Miamisburg, Ohio, where his father was engaged in the brass manufacturing business. There he received his early education and later returned with his parents to Dayton, where he completed his studies. Under his father's supervision he learned the brass manufacturing business and later engaged in this line of activity in Dayton. He was a soldier of the Civil war. He married Mary C. Layman and in their family were four children: Arthur, now deceased; Clara, the wife of George Coblentz, of Dayton; Othello; and Harry M.

The last named was born in Dayton, February 6, 1864, and his entire life has here been spent. Although the youngest member of his father's family, he has been the actual head of the household. Reared in the city of his nativity, he attended the Dayton schools in the acquirement of his early education and later became a student in the high school here, from which in due course of time he was graduated. He then became interested in the study of machinery and subsequently pursued a commercial course in the Miami Commercial College. Thus well equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life, he crossed the threshold of the business world and took his initial step as a bookkeeper in the employ of Woodell Machine Company as bookkeeper. During his connection with the firm in this capacity he gained a thorough insight into the business and when at length he felt that his experience and capital permitted, he purchased the business and became its sole owner. The salient qualities in his business career have been indefatigable energy and unfaltering perseverance, and these characteristics, combined with a clear understanding of the business in every detail and the ability to capably manage and control his business interests, have been the means of winning for him the prominent place he now holds in the

industrial circles of Dayton. The factory is situated on the corner of Sears and New Market streets, and in addition to his manufacturing interests he is also the owner of a valuable plat situated just on the edge of the city. In his industrial and horticultural enterprises he has been signally successful, and he now ranks among the representative citizens of Dayton.

On the 14th of October, 1891, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Altick and Miss Estella Knerr, a daughter of Louis and Elizabeth (Hesse) Knerr, the former a retired paper manufacturer. Unto this union were born seven children: Harold K., engaged in business with his father; Mary E., Louis W., Arthur T., and Ernest E., all students at school; Hugh H. and Robert L., at home. The family residence is in Harrison township, adjoining the city of Dayton, and the members of his household are thus able to indulge in the delights and pleasures of rural life, while at the same time they enjoy the conveniences and opportunities offered by the city.

In politics Mr. Altick is a republican and he has served as justice of the peace in Harrison township, while he also ran for sheriff on his party ticket and through the influence of his friends made a close race. Fraternally he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, lodge, No. 639, of Riverdale, with the Elks lodge, No. 58, of Dayton, the Maccabees, No. 113, of Dayton, and holds membership with the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, No. 7. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which he has been accorded due recognition of labor, while at all times he has made good use of his opportunities. Public-spirited in citizenship, his influence is ever on the side of progress and reform, and his fellowmen know him as a worthy citizen and business man and entertain for him high regard.

CHARLES ANDREW FUNKHOUSER.

Charles Andrew Funkhouser, since 1900 a member of the Dayton bar, his native city, was born in 1874. He is a son of the Rev. G. A. Funkhouser, for years a distinguished representative of the United Brethren ministry, and Susan (Kumler) Funkhouser. His youthful days were passed in his native city, unmarked by any event of especial importance, the main feature of his youth being the attainment of an education in the public schools, followed by a course of study in Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895, receiving at that time the Bachelor of Arts degree. He then took up the profession of teaching in this county and followed it for three years, after which he carried out a cherished hope of preparing for the bar by entering the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where he won his Bachelor of Law degree in 1900.

In June of the same year Mr. Funkhouser was admitted to the bar and at once opened an office in Dayton, where his record stands in contradistinction to the old adage that a prophet is never without honor save in his own country, for in the city of his nativity Mr. Funkhouser has made a creditable record and his steady progress in legal lines now places him in a gratifying position in the

ranks of the legal profession. In February, 1901, he formed a partnership with F. M. Compton, under the firm style of Compton & Funkhouser, and they have since continued in the general practice of law with a growing clientage that is connecting them with much important work of the courts of the city.

Mr. Funkhouser belongs to no secret society or club but holds membership in the United Brethren church. Politically he gives earnest endorsement to the republican party. He does not seek office, however, preferring to concentrate his energies upon his professional duties, and the care and precision with which he prepares his cases constitutes one of the strongest elements in his successful practice. In October, 1909, Mr. Funkhouser was united in marriage to Miss Dhel Loofbourrow of Mount Sterling, Ohio, a daughter of John G. and Huldah K. Loofbourrow. The former was a well known and prominent citizen of that town.

ROBERT THRUSTON HOUK.

R. Thruston Houk, who has found that the path of unremitting industry leads eventually to success, is now superintendent of the Dayton Motor Car Company. He has a wide acquaintance in the city of Dayton, where his birth occurred and where his entire life has been passed, his natal day being September 27, 1862. He is a son of George W. and Eliza P. (Thruston) Houk. At the usual age he entered the public schools and later continued his studies in Cooper Academy, from which he was graduated with the class of 1881. He made his entrance into the business world as an employe of A. A. Simonds, a machinery manufacturer with whom he continued for two years and in 1883 and 1884 he was engaged in the paper business in connection with H. E. Mead & Company. On the expiration of that period he went south to New Mexico where he acted as assistant superintendent of a silver mine until the fall of 1885 when he returned to Dayton and was again with H. E. Mead & Company until 1889. In that year he became final inspector for the National Cash Register Company and for nineteen years continued with that house, acting in various capacities as his capability won him successive promotions. For sometime he acted as a member of the factory committee. On the 1st of January, 1906, he took the Kansas City agency for the National Cash Register and controlled the business of the company in that locality for a year but resigned on the 1st of February, 1907, to take his present position, having now served for more than two years as superintendent of the Dayton Motor Car company.

On the 20th of September, 1887, Mr. Houk was married in Cincinnati to Miss Lilly Talbott, a daughter of J. L. Talbott, and they have five children as follows: Robert Thruston, Katharine Talbott, Sarah Elstner, George W. and John Talbott.

Mr. Houk belongs to the Dayton City Club and also to the Country Club and the Buz Fuz Club. His religious views are in accord with the teachings of the Episcopal church, while his political belief is embodied in the democratic platform. He is a public-spirited citizen, interested in municipal progress, reform and improvement, but his work therefor is that of influence rather than

the active efforts of one who desires political preferment as a reward for party fealty. He has a wide acquaintance in Dayton and that the salient characteristics of his life are such as command uniform respect and regard is indicated in the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from boyhood down to the present time.

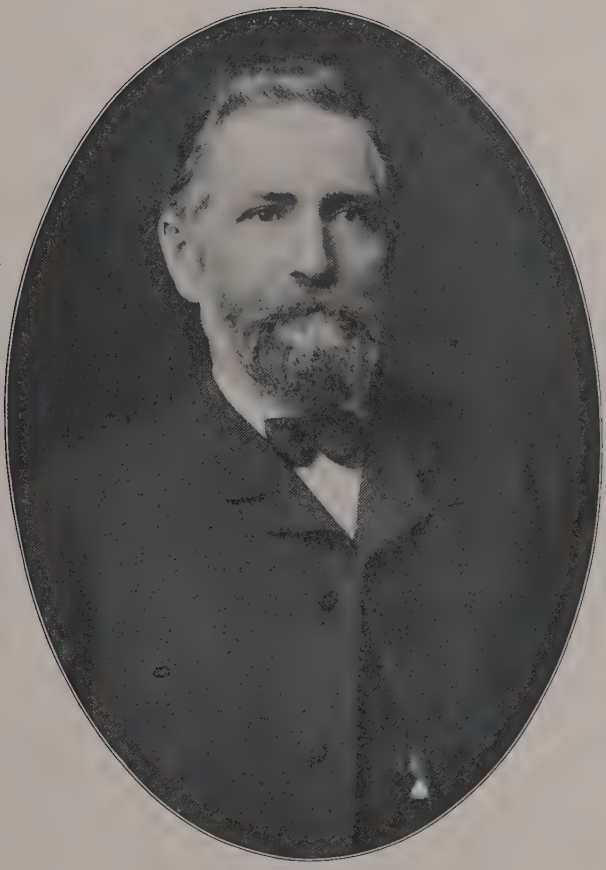
MATHIAS GLASER.

Mathias Glaser is one of the oldest gardeners of Harrison township, Montgomery county, Ohio. His home and gardens are located on Cincinnati street, just south of the city of Dayton. He was born in the year 1847 at Buffalo, New York, and is the son of Mathias and Helen (Weber) Glaser. The father was born in Prussia, and served the required three years in the army. Upon his discharge he engaged in gardening and farming until he came to the United States. For several years after his arrival here he worked at different places, finally coming to Dayton, where he took up gardening. He purchased a tract on the Troy pike, just outside the city, which he tilled successfully for a long time.

Mathias Glaser, the son, has had a very useful and eventful life. He received his early training at home and in the schools of Dayton. After putting aside his text-books he worked for several of the leading gardeners, and after a few years had saved sufficient money to go into cultivating the soil for himself. This first venture, however, was not a success, for he lost all his money the initial year. He had not lost courage, however, and as his credit was good, he made another trial in this same line. Good fortune attended his efforts this time, as it has during the subsequent years, until he has reached an enviable position among those who till the soil in this county. His hard work in this early period was well repaid and enabled him to buy a tract of five acres on Cincinnati street, which has lately been platted and is known as the Glaser plat. A few years after this first purchase Mr. Glaser bought another tract farther south on Cincinnati street, where he has made his home during the past twenty-eight years. For forty years he has had a stall, No. 20, in the Central Market and this fact, if nothing else, makes him well known among those who sell the produce from their land. He has an attractive personality and a good reputation, which assures him patronage.

Previous to engaging in business for himself Mr. Glaser had enlisted in the army to fight for the preservation of the Union. He joined Company E, Fifty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the cessation of hostilities, when he was honorably discharged, returning home with a most creditable military record. He had fought under Lieutenant Colonel William S. Frizzner in the Army of the Potomac.

On the 7th of October, 1869, Mr. Glaser was united in marriage to Miss Thekla Schneider, a daughter of Joseph and Louise (Ritterbusch) Schneider, who are farming people of Auglaize county, Ohio. Ten children were born of this union, namely: Henrietta M., whose demise occurred on the 12th of July, 1909; Amanda B., a teacher in the Dayton schools; Lillian, who is the wife of Harry Heck; Leo B., a bookkeeper; Rudolf C., a gardener; Vernon F., who in



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association with his father, has charge of the home garden plat; and four who died in infancy. The family belong to the Emanuel Catholic church.

Mr. Glaser is active in several organizations, being a valued member of the Knights of Columbus, the Foresters, the Elks Lodge, No. 58, and the Old Guard Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. He also belongs to the German Pioneer Society and is a member of the Miami Valley Law and Order League, being closely identified with the ideals and purposes of this order.

GEORGE K. CETONE.

An attractive individuality as well as capability and unassailable devotion to the public good has been a feature in placing George K. Cetone in his present position of prominence in connection with the political interests of the state. He is now serving as senator from the third district following acceptable public service in minor capacities. He was born on a farm in Miami county, Ohio, September 27, 1866, and is a son of Stephen Cetone, a native of Paris, France, born in 1813. Arriving in America in 1833 when a young man of twenty-two years he located in Dayton, which was then a city of but a few thousand inhabitants. He served as a member of the old volunteer fire department and was otherwise connected with prominent interests of the early days. In the '60s he removed from this city to Miami county, where he was identified with agricultural interests for about three decades. He also conducted an extensive business as a gardener but in 1890 returned to Dayton where he spent his remaining days in well earned rest, passing away in 1892. In early manhood he had wedded Ellen Dye who still lives in Troy, Ohio, at the age of eighty-two years. They were the parents of four children: Elizabeth J., who became the wife of John A. Webb and died in 1884; James D., William A. and George K., all of whom are residents of this city.

The last named was reared on the home farm in Miami county to the age of nineteen and during that period attended the country schools between the ages of six and fifteen years. The periods of vacation were largely devoted to the work of the farm and he was trained to habits of unfaltering industry. About 1886 he entered the postoffice at Troy, Ohio, as a clerk, the position coming to him without his solicitation. He had previously taken an active part in politics for several years which undoubtedly brought him prominently before the public in that locality. He remained in the postoffice for about two years, after which he was appointed to the position of postal clerk and so served during the last two years of President Cleveland's first administration. On retiring from the office he was employed as salesman and collector in a nursery at Troy, his association with that business covering eight years. In 1898 he entered the employ of the Central States Bridge Company of Indianapolis, Indiana. He had made his home in Dayton since 1890 and continued his residence here under his new position. He owns a fine farm in Van Buren township, Montgomery county, and is greatly interested in horticultural matters, successfully conducting fruit raising interests upon his farm.

Throughout his entire life Mr. Cetone has been deeply interested in political questions and has long been recognized as one of the leaders of democracy in this state, laboring earnestly for the adoption of the party principles because of his belief that they will best subserve the interests of good government. His activity in political circles and his public-spirited citizenship made him a logical candidate for the office of state senator on the democratic ticket in November, 1908, and the public expressed confidence in his ability at the ensuing election so that he is now sitting in the upper house of the Ohio assembly.

In 1894 Mr. Cetone was married in Bedford, Iowa, to Miss Rena Pierce and they have one son, Eugene Pierce. Mr. Cetone is well known in connection with various societies, holding membership with the United Commercial Travelers of Dayton, with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of the York and Scottish Rites and of the Mystic Shrine. He is a very approachable, genial gentleman, good fellowship being one of his strong characteristics. It is the expression of a genuine interest in his fellowmen. It is the expression of a genuine interest in his fellowmen. With not the slightest tendency toward pessimism he appreciates those things which make life agreeable, interesting and worth living and is always a favorite in social circles.

JOHN ZEHNDER.

Throughout the history of the world mere success has never, save in a few rare instances, been the cause of any man being remembered by his fellows, and never has the mere accumulation of wealth won honor for the individual. The methods employed in the attainment of success in business, however, may awaken approval and admiration, for the world pays its tribute to him who through enterprise, unrelaxing effort and clear sighted judgment makes advancement in the business world without infringing on the rights of others. Such was the record of John Zehnder, who during the long years of his residence in Dayton never deviated from a course that he believed to be right but stood through several decades as a leading representative of the German element, which has so largely conserved the interests and upbuilding of this city.

Mr. Zehnder was born in Bulzhauzen, Bayem, Germany, in 1826, and while yet a young man came to America, interested in the new world, its opportunities and advantages. He first settled near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and after living there but a short time removed to Illinois, where he resided for a few years. On the expiration of that period he came to Dayton, where he spent the last half century of his life. During the early period of his residence here he engaged in the hotel business on Market street, which was then one of the city's most attractive and prominent thoroughfares. His hostelry was a favorite resort with many visitors to Dayton and through its conduct he formed a wide acquaintance. Later he turned his attention to the lumber trade and in the conduct of that enterprise was associated for about ten years with Hoglen & Hauck and John Hoglen and later with Hoglen Brothers, having charge of their yards.

He next turned his attention to the grocery business, establishing a store at the corner of High and Richard streets. He had supervision over that establishment for thirty-five years, or until failing health forced him to abandon active pursuits. The store was then conducted under the management of members of his family. As a business man Mr. Zehnder ranked high, being actuated in all that he did by laudable ambition and sterling principles. Among his salient characteristics were thrift and industry, which, intelligently directed, brought him a substantial measure of success.

On the 4th of January, 1857, in Dayton, occurred the marriage of Mr. Zehnder and Miss Francisco. They became the parents of three sons and two daughters, who are yet living, namely: John, Joseph and Peter Zehnder, Mrs. Mary Ryan and Mrs. Lizzie Roth. Mr. Zehnder had the faculty of acquiring friends, and once acquired they became more steadfast in their loyalty to him as the years passed. His death was consequently mourned by many who learned to appreciate his sincerity and genuine worth. In business life his record ever conformed to the highest standard of commercial ethics but he never allowed his life to become self centered. On the contrary, it reached out in its interests to those movements and measures relative to the general welfare. He took great pride in his home city and frequently recited instances connected with its early history. He watched with interest its growth and upbuilding as the years passed, seeing its transformation from a comparatively small village to one of the rich industrial and commercial centers of Ohio. Wherever he was known he was honored and most of all where he was best known. His life record covered eighty-two years, death coming to him in 1908. The world is better for the example of every honorable, upright man and through the long years of his residence here John Zehnder left the impress of his individuality for good upon the community.

JOSEPH ENDRESS.

A spirit of enterprise and progress characterizes the business record of Joseph Endress, who in partnership with A. C. Kircher is engaged in business in Germantown under the name of the Pioneer Leaf Tobacco Company. They own one of the largest factories of this part of the state, where the tobacco trade of Ohio centers, and Mr. Endress' long connection with this line of business makes him one of its foremost representatives. He was born in Cincinnati, March 6, 1865, and is a son of Joseph and Mollie (East) Endress. The father was a native of Germany and was still a boy when he bade adieu to that country and made the long voyage across the Atlantic to the new world. On reaching America he came direct to Montgomery county, settling in Dayton, where soon afterward he secured employment in the cigar factory, learning the trade in principle and detail. About the time of the Civil war he removed to Germantown where he engaged in the manufacture of cigars for a time, while later he also turned his attention to the leaf tobacco business, continuing both enterprises for a long period. He became recognized as one of the leading rep-

resentatives of the tobacco trade and as the years went by scured an extensive patronage that made his business one of large and profitable proportions. At length, however, he retired to enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his former toil. He was a very prominent man of his community and a most public-spirited citizen, keenly alive to general interests and active in support of all measures which he deemed beneficial to the locality.

Joseph Endress, Jr., coming to Germantown in his early boyhood, pursued his education in the schools of this place, continuing the course through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school. All of this time he was interested in the tobacco business, being a keen observer of the work that was carried on in his father's factory, and when a young man he took up the business and became his father's successor upon the latter's retirement. By earnest effort, close application and unfaltering diligence he has brought the business up to its present high standard and its extensive proportions, his trade reaching a large figure annually. He is considered an expert judge of tobacco and is thoroughly familiar with the modern processes of manufacture, while his success is indicative, moreover, of his capable management of the trade.

On the 17th of June, 1886, Mr. Endress was married to Miss Josie Raines, a daughter of Andrew and Sophia (Greenwood) Raines. They have become the parents of one child, Nellie, now the wife of Harry Wolf. Mr. Endress is a prominent Mason of Germantown and holds membership in the Elks lodge, of Dayton. He belongs also to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias fraternity and the Improved Order of Foresters. He has spent almost his entire life in Germantown and his salient qualities are such as have gained for him the high position which he now occupies in public regard.

PETER WERT KLINGER.

It is a noticeable fact that the young men are rapidly forging to the front and are occupying the positions of responsibility in business circles. A proof of this fact lies in the record of Peter Wert Klinger, now superintendent of the Barney & Smith Car Company of Dayton. He was born near Greenville, Ohio, October 29, 1874, a son of A. J. Klinger, who was born near West Alexandria. Our subject was reared at his birthplace, spending much of his youth in the acquirement of a knowledge of those branches of learning which were taught in its public schools. He afterwards entered the Rose Polytechnic Institute at Terre Haute, Indiana, where he was graduated in 1896 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. Returning home on the completion of his course, he became associated with his father in the operation of a flour mill at Greenville, but thinking to find better opportunities for advancement in the city, he came to Dayton and on the 2d of March, 1897, entered the employ of the Barney & Smith Car Company as electrician, installing the first electric plant at the car shops. Subsequently he was also assigned to the position of foreman of the machine shop and in the fall of 1902 entered the office, where he performed various duties that were assigned him, his work, however, being largely that of

assistant superintendent. He so continued until the fall of 1908 and during the last four and a half years was known as assistant superintendent. At that date he was promoted to his present position as superintendent and his practical experience in mechanical lines as well as his executive force and thorough understanding of the demands of business well qualify him for the onerous and important duties which devolve upon him.

Mr. Klinger has been twice married. In 1897 he wedded Harriet Sater in Greenville, Ohio, who died in July, 1902, leaving two daughters, Mildred and Helen. In 1905, in Greenville, Ohio, Mr. Klinger was again married, his second union being with Susan Leonard Dills. Mr. Klinger is a member of the Baptist church, interested in all that tends to work for progressive citizenship and for the development of the community in intellectual and moral lines. His political allegiance is given to the republican party where national questions are involved but at municipal elections he casts an independent ballot, knowing that there is no issue before the people, the paramount consideration being the capability and reliability of the men who seek office. He is a dependable man, one in whom trust may well be placed, it being through his own worth and diligence that he has reached his present enviable position in the business circles of Dayton.

CHARLES F. KNECHT.

Charles F. Knecht, fire insurance adjuster of Dayton, was born in the old Knecht hotel on East Second street in this city, October 19, 1863. He is a representative of one of the oldest and best known families of Montgomery county and his record is a credit to the untarnished family name. His father, Christ Knecht, was born in Germany, in 1814, and in early manhood came to America, at once making his way to Dayton. Here he was married to Miss Elizabeth Schieble, and unto them were born twelve children, eight of whom reached years of maturity, while five are still living. The father served as a soldier in the Mexican war, going to the front as a private but returning as captain, his promotion coming to him in recognition of his meritorious service on the field of battle. He was well known in Dayton for many years through his business connections and his personal worth, his name being closely associated with the events of early days. He was the organizer of the Montgomery Cavalry Company, composed of many of the older citizens of the county, and the hand painted silk flag which they carried is still in the possession of the family.

Charles F. Knecht was the tenth child and eighth son in his father's family. He was reared and educated in Dayton, pursuing his course in the public schools to the age of seventeen years, when he became connected with the Dayton Insurance Company and so continued from 1881 until 1885. In the latter year he entered the employ of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Dayton, which he represented for five years, and on the expiration of that period became special agent and adjuster for the Ohio Insurance Company of Dayton. There he continued until 1894, when he became secretary of the Dayton Board of Underwriters, to rate all property in Montgomery county. He acted in that capacity

for three years, at the end of which time the board dissolved. He then became an independent fire insurance adjuster, rather responsible work, virtually handling for his companies thousands of dollars annually, and has so continued to the present time. He possesses keen discrimination in pointing out all the points of the case, attempts to secure absolute fairness and justice to both the insurance companies and their claimants in the adjustment of all business matters and as the years have gone by he has become widely known in insurance circles as a man of discriminating judgment and marked business ability. He has always been interested in fine trotting horses, was the first secretary of the Dayton Driving Club, serving as secretary, treasurer and president for five years, and much of its success can be attributed to his hard labor.

In 1897, in Detroit, Mr. Knecht was married to Miss Minne Hanawalt, a native of Ross county, Ohio. Mr. Knecht belongs to the Masonic fraternity, the Pathfinders and to the Blue Goose Club, a national social organization of insurance men. He is appreciative of the social amenities of life and not only wins but retains the warm friendship and kindly regard of those with whom he is being continually brought in contact.

FRANK BLESSING.

Frank Blessing, actively engaged in farming interests in Madison township, Montgomery county, where he owns one hundred and sixty-two acres of fine farm land, was born May 14, 1870, in Cass county, Indiana. He is a son of John and Sarah (Miller) Blessing, the former at one time a prominent and well known farmer of his native county, but now living retired. His father, Absalom Blessing, was a native of Maryland and came to Ohio, where he took up his abode in Greene county. At the time of his arrival here much of the territory was still in its primitive condition and he was compelled to clear the land upon which he made his home and undertake the difficult task of converting it into productive fields. Both he and his wife, Mary Blessing, lived to a very old age. John Blessing originally owned a farm in Cass county, Indiana, which he successfully operated for many years, but eventually he sold his property and came to Ohio, where he lives retired with the subject of this sketch.

Reared under the parental roof, Frank Blessing attended the common schools of his native county and during the vacation periods assisted in the work of the farm. After completing his education he continued to engage in farm work in Cass county, Indiana, until twenty years of age, when he came to Ohio. Carefully saving his earnings until he had acquired sufficient means wherewith to purchase a farm of his own, in 1904 he bought the property upon which he now resides, consisting of one hundred and sixty-two acres of excellent farming land on the Union road about two and a half miles south of the town of Trotwood. This farm, known as Bell Acre, through indefatigable energy and unremitting labor, has been brought under a fine state of cultivation, yielding annually to its owner a very gratifying income. On this property Mr. Blessing has erected a fine eight-room house with all modern improvements, as well as large barns

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and outbuildings in the rear. The air of neatness and prosperity surrounding the place is indicative of the care bestowed upon it and bespeaks the success which he has attained in his agricultural pursuits.

On December 29, 1893, Mr. Blessing was united in marriage to Miss Anna Bell Lentz, a daughter of George and Catharine Lentz, very prominent farmers, and unto them have been born three children, Glenn, Ivy and Martha, all attending school. Mr. Blessing is a member of the conservative branch of the Dunkard church, and exerts his influence toward extending the good work of the church throughout the community. In harmony with its teachings his life has at all times been an honorable and useful one, and he and his wife have the regard and esteem of a number of warm friends. In politics he is a republican.

REV. BERNARD P. O'REILLY.

Rev. Bernard P. O'Reilly, president of St. Mary's Institute at Dayton, was born in Rochester, New York, in 1874, and there his youthful days were passed, his primary education being acquired in St. Patrick's School of that city. In 1889, when a youth of fifteen, he came to Dayton and entered the seminary department of St. Mary's Institute, where he spent three years in further study. In 1892 he went to Europe, completing his classical course abroad and won the Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Besancon, France. He next went to Brittany, and at St. Brieuc acted as professor of English in the Naval Academy. In 1900 he went to Paris, France, to complete his theological studies and on the 14th of April, 1903, he was ordained by Monseigneur Richard, archbishop of Paris. Upon his return to Dayton in 1903 he acted as professor in St. Mary's Institute, thus continuing for three years. On the expiration of that period he was made vice president and so served for two years, while in 1908 he was chosen to the presidency and is now at the head of this well known Catholic institute, which under his guidance is doing good work, the courses of study being carefully systematized, while he has also spent much thought upon the best way to use time and effort in the acquirement of knowledge that shall be a preparation for life's practical and responsible duties.

NORTH WIGGIM.

An excellent farm of one hundred and ten acres pays tribute to the care and labor of North Wiggim. He has spent his entire life in the county of his nativity, his birth having occurred in January, 1859, in Mad River township, Montgomery county. He is a son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Hawker) Wiggim, natives of Ohio. The father was born in 1836 in Montgomery county and attended the common schools in the acquirement of his education. He engaged in general farming as an occupation but retired from active life several years prior to his demise, which occurred in the fall of 1906, his remains being interred at Wood-

land cemetery in Dayton. He was a member of the First Reformed church of Dayton. His wife was a native of Greene county and her father, who also engaged in farming, was a minister of the Reformed church and preached until his death. They have both passed away, being buried in the Hawker cemetery.

North Wiggim learned the occupation of agriculture under the direction of his father and acquired his education in the common schools of Montgomery county. When he reached years of manhood he wisely chose as his life work the occupation to which he had been reared and has since continued to engage in general farming in his native county. He owns a farm of one hundred and ten acres in Wayne township and the care and labor which he has bestowed upon it are evidenced in its neat and attractive appearance. He is up-to-date in his methods and through his close application, his industry and perseverance and his well directed energies he gained for himself a place among the successful and progressive farmers of the township.

On the 10th of February, 1898, Mr. Wiggim was united in marriage to Miss Anna E. Bock, a daughter of John and Martha Bock, the former a farmer who is still actively engaged in that occupation. Mrs. Wiggim was born in May, 1894, in Greene county, Ohio, and attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education. She was a member of the Bethel Reformed church and passed away on the 3d of May, 1909, her burial taking place in David cemetery. Her death was due to heart trouble. She was an excellent woman, whose many good traits of heart and mind caused her loss to be mourned by a large number of friends. She leaves besides her husband one son, Herbert, who was born March 4, 1901, and is now a pupil at the Oak Grove school. They also lost one child, Lawrence, who was born March, 1898, and only lived two weeks. Mr. Wiggim is a member of the Bethel Reformed church and his life has at all times been in harmony with his professions. Having spent his entire life in this county, he has gained an extensive circle of friends, the consensus of public opinion according him a high place among the valued and representative citizens of the community.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN McCANN.

Benjamin Franklin McCann is of Scotch-Irish ancestry and was born near Zanesville, Muskingum county, Ohio. His mother, whose maiden name was Jane McKee, was said to be a woman of rare parts. His father, Thomas A. McCann, was a school teacher and farmer and a man of influence in the community. Judge McCann's boyhood was spent on the farm. He received his early education in the common schools and afterward completed the classical course at Denison University. He studied law in the office of Gunckel & Rowe of Dayton and was admitted to practice in June, 1890. Upon the establishment of the police court in Dayton in 1891, he was appointed by the board of police directors as the first prosecutor therein. He was elected judge of the probate court on the democratic ticket in 1899 and reelected in 1902 by a majority of over three thousand two hundred, although the county went republican by majorities ranging from

two thousand five hundred to five thousand for all other republican candidates. Upon the enactment of the law establishing juvenile courts in Ohio, he was selected by the common pleas judge as judge of the juvenile court for Montgomery county in addition to his duties as probate judge and as such performed a noteworthy public service. He was renominated for probate judge again in 1905 against his expressed wish but refused to accept the nomination and became a prominent candidate that year for governor of Ohio.

Since that time Judge McCann has refused all suggestions of political preferment and has given his entire time and attention to his professional work, in which he has been eminently successful. He is endowed with the persistence characteristic of his ancestry. Studious by nature, he has taken advantage of his opportunities and brings to his work a mind well equipped for his professional duties. Positive in character and frank in the expression of his views, his judgment on matters is sought after and valued. His official life was noted for a conscientious and fearless discharge of duty and he enjoys today the confidence of the entire community, regardless of political affiliations. Possessed of a genial disposition and an approachable manner, the Judge has never lacked for friends, and his acquaintance among all classes is perhaps not surpassed by any other member of the bar. His work among the boys and girls of the city will not soon be forgotten, and the friendly salutation of the newsboy or bootblack is sure of recognition.

Much of his spare time has been devoted to matters of public interest to the community, chief among which, perhaps, is the work of the Young Men's Christian Association. The Judge has always said that he owed the organization and its former secretary, D. A. Sinclair, a debt of gratitude for providing a homelike abiding place for him as he came to the city, a student, years ago. As a member of its board of directors and especially as its president for a number of years, he has been recognized as a leading spirit in the work of the organization and has given liberally of his time and effort in securing the new building which it now occupies.

Judge McCann was married in 1900 to Miss Laura H. Thresher, a most estimable young woman and a member of one of Dayton's old families. They occupy a cozy home on the Boulevard with their three children. Surrounded by them and a fine library of books, which have been carefully selected, the Judge insists that home is the best spot on earth and that his work is the only counter attraction that can be offered.

CHARLES EDWARD KINDER.

Charles Edward Kinder, editor and proprietor of the Miamisburg News published at Miamisburg, Ohio, his native city, is a son of John E. and Elizabeth (Clark) Kinder, both of whom were natives of this state, the former born in Franklin and the latter in Miamisburg. The paternal grandfather of our subject was George Kinder, one of the pioneer residents of Franklin, Ohio, who in the course of years became a prominent contractor. He built a portion of the Miami

and Erie Canal and also a section of Cincinnati and Dayton pike. He was born in Pennsylvania but came to Ohio with his parents about 1798 when a little boy of only three years. Through the period of his manhood he was closely and prominently associated with business affairs in his locality and for many years ran a line of canal boats but at length retired to enjoy a season of rest through the evening of life. He died in 1861 when about seventy years of age. His wife was Mrs. Eliza (Schnorff) Kinder, who was born in Warren county, Ohio, near Lebanon in 1802.

The maternal grandfather of Charles E. Kinder was Nelson Clark, one of the very early settlers of Miamisburg. He was born in New York, was a gunsmith by trade and became famous as a manufacturer of rifles which he made entirely from the raw material. He died in Miamisburg in 1859 when more than sixty years of age. His first wife, who was the grandmother of our subject, bore the maiden name of Sarah Tapscott and was born in New Jersey. In addition to manufacturing rifles Nelson Clark engaged in the milling business and was also connected with a number of other interests. He likewise built the first three-story house in Miamisburg—the Valley house on North Main street.

John E. Kinder, father of our subject, was born in Franklin, Ohio, and became a miller, following that pursuit for several years. He afterward served as postmaster at Franklin for nine years and also held various political positions of an official character. For five years he acted as the United States store-keeper and then in middle life was called to his final rest, passing away in 1877 when but forty-six years of age. His wife still survives him and lives in Miamisburg in a home which she has occupied for nearly sixty years and which her father gave to her when she was a little girl. In their family were five children, a son and four daughters: Charles Edward; Anna, who for nearly twenty years was a clerk in the Miamisburg postoffice; Mary and Bertha, who are teachers in the public schools of Miamisburg; and Sallie, the wife of Hon. H. F. Cellarius of Cincinnati.

Charles Edward Kinder was reared in Miamisburg and, passing through consecutive grades in the public schools, was at length graduated from the high school. He then learned the printers' trade in the office of his uncle, George D. Kinder, of Ottawa, Ohio, there remaining for four years, during which time he gained an intimate knowledge of the business and was thus well qualified to carry on business on his own account at a later day. On the expiration of that period he came to Miamisburg and established the Miamisburg News in 1880, since which time he has conducted it. He has several times been favored by election to office and in his various public duties has proven himself capable, faithful and resourceful. In 1886 he was elected mayor and served for one year when he resigned to become postmaster in 1887, receiving his appointment during President Cleveland's administration. In 1892 he was again elected mayor but resigned in 1894 to again become postmaster under a second appointment from President Cleveland. He held that office altogether for seven years, carefully systematizing the work and giving a public-spirited administration of the affairs connected with the position. He has always taken an active interest in the city's welfare and his cooperation in many movements has been largely conducive to the general good. He was secretary of the Board of Trade and is now secretary of

the Citizens Civic Club, in which connection he put forth earnest labor in support of all those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

Mr. Kinder is a thirty-second degree Mason and takes a great interest in the craft. His membership is with Minerva Lodge, No. 98, F. & A. M.; Trinity Chapter, No. 44, R. A. M., in which he occupies an official position; Rees Council, R. & S. M.; and Dayton Consistory, S. P. R. S. He likewise belongs to Miamisburg Lodge, No. 44, K. P. Politically he has always been a democrat and his work in behalf of the party makes him one of its leaders. He is a member of the Methodist church, is one of the church trustees and has served for several terms as Sunday school superintendent. His influence is ever on the side of progress and improvement, of reform and advancement and at the same time he is a capable business man who is not only publishing a paper creditable to the city but also has a finely equipped printing office and is conducting a large job printing business.

SAMUEL HARRISON MILLER.

Samuel Harrison Miller, who as secretary of the Harshman Improvement Company, has charge of the firm's land in Montgomery county and also the supervision of the Miller estate—a large tract located in Greene, Clark and Champaign counties, Ohio—was born October 22, 1843, in Lebanon, Ohio, the son of Abraham and Susannah (Downey) Miller. The father's parents were of German descent and came to Ohio from Virginia. In the latter state Abraham Miller was born, received his education, and was married, though he was still a young man when he came to Ohio. He was a mechanic by trade and settled near Lebanon.

Samuel Harrison Miller was the seventh in a family of twelve children, his brothers being Hamilton, Jacob, William, George, John and Lewis. He began his education in the school of Lebanon but after the death of his parents went to Cincinnati, where he finished his schooling. For his first business experience he went to Pendleton, Ohio, where he engaged in railroading up to the outbreak of the Civil war, when he responded to the call for men to uphold the Union and enlisted in the Twelfth Ohio Infantry. He served in the one hundred days' service with the Army of the Potomac and through the latter part of the war, and it was always with honor and credit to himself, his company and his nation. Before the close of the war he went south, where he engaged in the United States military railroad business. Returning some time later to Ohio, he took a course in Nelson College, after which he again engaged in railroading, his run being between Dayton and Sandusky. A few years later he entered the employ of the Wabash Railway and made St. Louis his headquarters. From there he went to New Mexico, where, seeing so many opportunities at hand, he engaged in the cattle business, which demanded all his attention for the space of five years. Then again he returned to the railroad business, this time in Iowa, where he remained for eight years or until he came to Harshman, which he has made his home since 1898.

On the 16th of April, 1878, Mr. Miller and Miss Alice Harshman were united in marriage. Mrs. Miller is the daughter of George W. and Virginia (Roher)

Harshman, well known in this county. This union has been blessed with five children: Virginia; Susan, the wife of Dr. H. Lyons Hunt, of New York; Josephine; Alice, the wife of Dr. W. C. Tobey, of Pyrmont, Ohio; and Warner, who is still attending school and is taking a course that looks to a commercial career. The family are members of the Episcopal church of Dayton and are intimately identified with its work.

Mr. Miller is a respected member of the community where he lives and in whose welfare he takes an especially deep interest. He served one year on the board of education, but on account of his other business had to resign, although much interested in educational matters. His record as a soldier is a constant inspiration to youths with whom he comes in contact so frequently. His duties as manager of the Harshman Improvement Company are not slight, yet they are assumed and fulfilled with ability and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

GUSTAVE A. HOCHWALT, M. D.

Dr. Gustave A. Hochwalt, who since 1895 has continuously engaged in the practice of medicine in Dayton and is visiting physician to St. Elizabeth's hospital, was born May 13, 1872, in the city which is now his home but, as the name indicates, is of German lineage. His father, George Hochwalt, was a native of Germany and after coming to this country was married to Theressa Lothammer, a native of Canton, Ohio. His maternal grandfather served under General La Fayette in the Revolutionary war. For a long period George Hochwalt was one of the most successful shoe merchants of Dayton. He carried on business along well defined lines of trade, sought success through honorable methods and earnest effort to please his customers and in the course of years had gained a competence sufficient to permit him to retire from the cares of active life in 1890. His remaining days were then spent in honorable retirement until his death, which occurred April 25, 1894. His widow still survives and yet makes her home in Dayton. They were parents of four sons and two daughters: Edward, a resident of Dayton; Charles C., of Cleveland; Emma, the wife of Frank Burkhardt; Anna, deceased; Albert, of Dayton; and Gustave A.

The Hochwalt family are all devout Catholics and Dr. Hochwalt was sent as a pupil to the Brothers school of St. Mary's in Dayton, from which he was graduated in his eighteenth year. He took up the study of medicine with Dr. George Goodhue as his preceptor and after thus reading for two years he matriculated in the Starling Medical College of Columbus in 1892, devoting three years to faithful study. He received his diploma in 1895 and thus well equipped for his chosen calling returned to Dayton, since which time he has been an active representative of the profession in this city. His practice has steadily grown as the years have gone by and the results which attend his efforts are the manifestation of his thorough understanding of the laws of health and the principles of medicine. In 1899 he was appointed by the board of health the first city bacteriologist of Dayton and so served until 1906. In 1899 he was made visiting physician of St. Elizabeth's hospital and has so continued to the present time. In 1898 he became pa-

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thologist to the Miami Valley Hospital and thus continued until 1906, when he resigned. In 1898 he pursued a post-graduate course in the New York Post Graduate Medical School and Hospital, particularly for the study of clinical microscopy and pathology, and he has always been a close student of the profession, interested in everything that tends to bring to man the key to the complex mystery which we call life. He belongs to the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Ohio Medical Society and the American Medical Association and thus keeps in close touch with the onward progress of the profession.

On the 17th of October, 1900, Dr. Hochwalt was married in Dayton to Miss Erma Gondert and they have two children, William Richard and Aida. In his political views Dr. Hochwalt is a democrat but is not active in the work of the party. He is a member of the Catholic church, in which he was reared, and is interested in all that pertains to the progress of the city along material, intellectual and moral lines. Until recently the Doctor took a great interest in musical affairs, being the leading tenor in a number of church choirs in Dayton, and was a member of the Phil Harmonic Concert. He also had the honor of singing a solo with Watkin Mills, of London. He has served on the board of trustees of the Dayton Astronomical Society.

CHARLES W. SHOCK.

Charles W. Shock, who has been closely identified with educational interests of Montgomery county for several years, is also clerk of Jefferson township, in which position he has served since January 1, 1905. He was born on a farm in Jefferson township, this county, April 27, 1881, a son of Beniah and Rhoda A. (Wineland) Shock. The grandfather of our subject, Jonas Shock, was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in 1805, and came to Jefferson township, Montgomery county, with his parents when but six years of age. He cast in his lot with the early settlers here and became one of the pioneer farmers of this district. His son Beniah Shock was here born on the 25th of April, 1837, and was here reared and married, devoting his life also to the occupation of farming. In his family were two sons and two daughters, namely: Winona, born in 1866; Ira Lee, born in 1868; Amy C., born in 1873; and Charles W., of this review. The family were all members of the German Baptist Brethren church and were well known and prominent in the community.

Charles W. Shock, whose name introduces this review, was reared upon his father's farm and during the days of his boyhood and youth attended the common schools in the acquirement of his early training. He later attended the Trotwood high school, in Madison township, from which he was graduated with the class of 1899; he also had the advantage of a course of bookkeeping and business training at the Miami Commercial College in Dayton, Ohio. Thus well equipped, he took up the profession of teaching, at which work he has since been engaged during the winter seasons. In 1902 he began teaching in Jackson township, where he remained for two terms, and then came to Jefferson township, where he has followed the profession for five years. He is a very good instructor, imparting

clearly and readily to others the information he has himself acquired. He has never ceased to be a student, however, but he is constantly broadening and extending his information by wide reading and research.

Mr. Shock is also a notary public, having been commissioned to this office by Governor Andrew L. Harris on February 19, 1907, and by the great care, skill and judgment which he exercises in the execution of deeds, mortgages, affidavits, etc., which he has executed, he has gained the entire confidence of the many persons who have intrusted such work to him.

On the 19th of October, 1902, Mr. Shock was united in marriage to Miss Anna May Fryer, a daughter of Frederick and Carrie (Carson) Fryer, and unto them have been born three children, namely: Ross, born in 1903; Zana May, born in 1904; and Frieda Catherine, born in 1908.

Mr. Shock has not allied himself with any secret or fraternal order, preferring the companionship to be found at his own fireside. He gives his political support to the republican party and on this ticket has been called to the office of township clerk, his election occurring in 1904, in which capacity he is still serving. He is loyal and public spirited in his citizenship, and at all times he is keenly appreciative of the responsibilities that devolve upon him in both his professional and public capacities, performing all duties that come to him with a faithfulness and conscientiousness that have gained for him the hearty endorsement of his fellowmen, while his own personal qualities are such as win the respect and confidence of all with whom he has been associated.

JOHN RICHARD MANN.

The characteristic feature of the latter part of the nineteenth and the opening years of the twentieth century lies in the way in which man has combined scientific principles and natural resources in inventions to meet the needs and demands of our modern civilization. Only a few years ago ice was unknown save as was produced through the natural freezing processes. Today in all of the warmer latitudes and in many of the northern cities as well the ice plant is a common feature and it is to a kindred line of manufacture that John Richard Mann is now giving his attention as the president of the Dayton Ice Machine Company, controlling one of the important manufacturing interests of the city. Since he entered business life the passing years have chronicled his continued advancement and for twelve years he has been associated with the productive industries of Dayton. He was born in London, Ontario, Canada, January 19, 1867, and in his infancy was taken by his parents to Brantford, Ontario, where he was reared, pursuing his education in the public schools. He also attended the Woodstock College, a school near Brantford conducted under the auspices of the Baptist church. After putting aside his text-books he returned to Brantford, where he entered his father's lumberyard, being there engaged for sixteen years, first as employe and later as a member of the firm. In 1890 he went to Sarnia, Ontario, where he was engaged in the fuel business on his own account until 1897 when he crossed the border into the United States, knowing that he would find greater

competition here but also that advancement is more quickly secured on this side the division line. Making his way to Dayton he began the manufacture of cordage and twine and was so engaged until 1896 when he sold out and in 1907 became interested in his present business. He now has a well equipped plant for the manufacture of ice machines and has already built up a substantial trade which makes his enterprise one of growing importance.

In 1889 occurred the marriage of Mr. Mann and Miss Batie Lowes, a daughter of the late Dr. J. E. Lowes. The wedding was celebrated in Brantford, Ontario, and to them have been born three children: Batie Lorienne, Joseph L., and John Edwin. Mr. and Mrs. Mann have won many friends during the period of their residence in Dayton, their good qualities gaining for them the high regard of those with whom they have been associated. They attend the Methodist Episcopal church and Mr. Mann gives his political support to the republican party. He found in the conditions of this city a good basis for business progress and has constantly promoted his trade interests through his diligence and capable management.

W. W. HETZLER, M. D.

W. W. Hetzler, one of the prominent physicians of Germantown, Ohio, was born near Lewisburg, Ohio, April 9, 1852, and is the son of Daniel and Eliza (Francis) Hetzler. The great-grandfather on the father's side came to Ohio from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was one of the early settlers of Butler county in 1800. He accomplished the journey from the old home to the new by wagon over the mountains, and when he arrived had to clear the ground before he could begin its cultivation. His son George Hetzler was born near Brown's Run, Butler county, and became one of the largest land owners and farmers there. His fields extended into Montgomery county, so that the latter county claimed him as one of her citizens, and in her affairs he took a prominent part. He died on the old Hetzler homestead in Butler county at the advanced age of ninety-six years. Of his union with a Miss Trapp was born Daniel Hetzler, the father of Dr. W. W. Hetzler. His birthplace was the old Hetzler homestead near the Oxford road, about four miles southwest of Germantown. He became a farmer and died in 1898 at the age of eighty-three, his wife still surviving him at the age of eighty-seven.

W. W. Hetzler received his early education in the school of district No. 11. In 1872 he went to Otterbein University, and three years later to Oxford, where he took a normal course under the guidance of Professor Bishop. Subsequently he entered the Ohio Medical College, receiving his degree in 1884. Upon graduation he went to Union City, where he began to practice his profession, coming later to Germantown, which has been the scene of his labors ever since. Here he has built up an extensive practice and enjoys the unwavering confidence of a large number of people.

On the 11th of February, 1886, Dr. Hetzler was united in marriage to Miss Addie A. Clapp, of Union City. She is the daughter of Daniel and Matilda (Wenger) Clapp. Her father is a farmer and general merchant of Union City,

where he also conducts a large hardware business. Three children have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Hetzler. The eldest, Earl F., was graduated from the high school and is now a teacher there. Glenn R. has followed in his brother's footsteps. Marie is still in school. The family are members of the United Brethren church and are closely identified with all its work, social and religious. Mrs. Hetzler is president of the local Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and for a number of years has been very prominent in this organization.

The extent of Dr. Hetzler's practice has left him little time for other concerns and is perhaps the best reward for his devotion to the good of his patients and constituents. Their welfare he considers his first interest, and he is ever unremitting in his efforts to promote it. In his professional activities he is both conscientious and intelligent, and his opinions are held in respect and confidence by those who have come in contact with him.

DANIEL W. IDDINGS.

Daniel W. Iddings, capably serving in the position of law librarian in Dayton, was born April 14, 1879, in this city, and is a representative of one of the old and well known families here. His great-grandfather, Benjamin Iddings, was a resident of Montgomery county while the grandfather, Daniel W. Iddings, was born in this county and within its borders spent his entire life, his activity and ability bringing him into prominence in various relations. He became a leading lawyer of Dayton and was also an influential factor in movements and measures contributing to the progress and prosperity of this city. He did not a little toward molding public thought and action as editor of one of the papers here, and for twenty years he was president of the councils of Dayton and for many years was registrar in bankruptcy. Honored with the highest position within the gift of his fellow townsmen, he served so capably during his first term as mayor that he was reelected and for two years administered the affairs of the city in a most businesslike manner, his efforts being resultant factors in promoting municipal welfare.

Charles Dickens Iddings, the father of Daniel W. Iddings, was born in Dayton in 1851 and after carefully pursuing the study of law was admitted to the bar and continued in active practice up to the time of his death. His legal learning, his correct application of the principles of law and his thoroughness in the preparation of cases combined to make him one of the strong advocates before the courts, while his ability as a counselor was also widely recognized. He married Miss Belle A. Sheets and unto them were born three sons, Daniel W., Andrew S. and Roscoe C., all residents of Dayton. Here the death of the father occurred in January, 1899.

The foregoing record indicates clearly that Daniel W. Iddings is descended from one of the most prominent as well as one of the oldest families of Dayton and he is fortunate in that his lines of life have been cast in harmony with an honorable ancestral record. He was largely educated in private schools, spending most of the time in the select school taught by Professor G. C. Deaver. His

father died just about the time he finished his course there and was ready for Yale. This of necessity changing his plans, he left school at the age of seventeen years and became court page to Hon. O. B. Brown, judge of the common pleas court, in which position he remained for two and a half years. He was then unanimously elected to the office of librarian of the law library of Dayton which at that time contained forty-five hundred volumes housed in two rooms. Since that time frequent additions have been made to the library until four rooms are now required to contain the thirteen thousand volumes belonging therein. Mr. Iddings has thorough knowledge of the contents of the library so that his work is of great assistance to the lawyers who seek information upon given points in some of these volumes. Devoting his time whenever opportunity is offered to the study of law, he was himself admitted to the bar in June, 1905. He is, moreover, treasurer of the Montgomery County Mutual Fire Insurance Company, which has always been managed by the Iddings family, and is a director and officer in several other important business corporations.

Mr. Iddings' fondness for scientific investigation and for advanced knowledge in various lines is indicated in the fact that he is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society of London and of the American Geographical Society of New York, while with the National Geographic Society at Washington he also holds membership. These honors were conferred upon him in recognition of his exploration work and emigration study in western Canada and his writings upon the subject for prominent English and American publications. He is not unappreciative of the social amenities of life, as is indicated in his membership in the Dayton City Club and the Dayton Country Club Company, acting as secretary-treasurer of the latter for ten years. He is also secretary of the District Tuberculosis Hospital. Furthermore he is keenly alive to the needs of religious teaching and is an active and helpful member of the Third Street Presbyterian church. Regarding doctrinal points as secondary to the unity of christian people, he has been very active in the brotherhood movement which is one of the most helpful signs of the religious world of the present day and has been instrumental in consolidating a number of the men's clubs in the various churches in this city and is now president of the Federated Church Brotherhood of Dayton and also president of the Union Presbyterian Brotherhood. His fidelity to duty as he sees it and the exalted principles which govern him in his relations to the vital interests of society have gained for him the respect of all men while his never failing courtesy and frank, genial manner have won him many friends.

CHARLES SWOPE.

Charles Swope, engaged in agricultural interests in Jefferson township, Montgomery county, was born here July 24, 1862, and is the oldest in a family of six children born to Adam and Catherine (Stoner) Swope, the others being Alfred, Anna, Ella, Dora and Ida. He spent his boyhood days under the parental roof, acquiring his education in the common schools of the neighborhood, and at the same time assisting his father in the work of the fields. After laying aside his

text-books, however, and thinking to find other pursuits more congenial than farming, he began learning the carpenter's trade, which he followed for some time. That he possessed ability in this direction and a thorough understanding of the work in all of its details, is indicated by the fact that for a number of years he was employed as a cabinetmaker by the Barney & Smith Car Company of Dayton, and during this period his labors proved of a most satisfactory character. Subsequently, however, he returned to the farm and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits in Jefferson township, this county, superintending a farm of two hundred and seventy-five acres, which he has brought under a good state of cultivation, the fields, in return for the care and attention expended upon them, yielding substantial annual crops.

Mr. Swope was married on the 10th of February, 1884, to Miss Alice C. Hyer, a daughter of Enoch and Mary (Keen) Hyer, and unto them were born three children, namely: Addah, born June 7, 1885; Ammon, born September 2, 1886; and Charles Marshall, born October 23, 1901.

Mr. and Mrs. Swope are both members of the Brethren church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested, while Mr. Swope is acting as one of the deacons of the church. He is also the president of the Jefferson township school board, of which he has been a member for seven years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party but is not an aspirant for office, preferring to concentrate his entire time and attention upon his personal affairs. He is loyal, however, in his citizenship, exerting his influence in support of all measures which tend toward the material, intellectual and moral welfare and growth of the community. Having passed his entire life in this portion of the county, his acquaintance is extensive and the fact that he is most respected where best known indicates that his life has at all times been an honorable and upright one.

ORION S. NICHOLAS.

Orion S. Nicholas, who is the proprietor and sole owner of the Nicholas Stock Farm of seventy-five acres on the River road, about three miles from the courthouse, is also controlling a tract of seven hundred acres which he cultivates in a variety of crops. He was born on the 30th of March, 1865, on the farm that is his home, known as the Nicholas homestead, and is the son of Joseph H. and Eliza Jane (Mooney) Nicholas. Joseph Nicholas' grandfather came from England to this country and was of good old Puritan stock. His later years he passed in this county and when death called him he was buried in Greencastle cemetery. Seventy-three was the length of the span of years allotted to him, which was completed about thirty-five years ago. Abraham Nicholas, his son, came to this region from the east and was one of the first settlers in this part of the county. His son Joseph, the father of our subject, was born and reared on the farm adjoining that upon which Orion S. Nicholas now lives. For many years he was identified with farming interests, but for a time he engaged in the lumber business in Dayton, on Mound street. In this latter venture he was more than moderately suc-

MR. AND MRS. O. S. NICHOLAS

cessful, having, when he retired from active life, worked up a large trade. The last years of his life he passed in his home on South Broadway, where he died.

Orion S. Nicholas has passed almost his entire life in Harrison township. He was educated in the country schools here, and during his youth worked on the farm at the same time that he pursued his studies. On completing his schooling his father resigned the care of his land to him and the business connected with it, and about a year ago he came into possession of the entire estate. Both as a general farmer and as a raiser of fine stock he has won considerable success. The stock business was started about fifteen years ago and is now one of the largest in this part of the state. There are five buildings which Mr. Nicholas uses for his stock and which afford him room for the boarding of horses from the city. He engages largely in the buying and selling of stock, his negotiations embracing transactions of considerable importance.

In February, 1886, Mr. Nicholas married Miss Amanda E. Heiser, the daughter of George Heiser, who was a prominent farmer of this county and lived near his son-in-law. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas: Joseph, who has finished his school course and is assisting his father in the work of the farm and looks forward to following in his footsteps; Amy, living at home; Silas and Wilson, who are still attending school; and Orion, Jr., and Helen, both small children, gladdening the home with their play. The family belong to the United Brethren church of the township, and are very active in all its work.

Mr. Nicholas, despite his many hours of hard labor finds time to be one of the prominent members of the Dayton Lodge, No. 58, B. P. O. E., which he joined a number of years ago. He is regular in his attendance at the meetings and is always ready and eager to assume any responsibility or take any part either in the work of the lodge or in its social diversions. He has made an enviable reputation for himself as a man of honor in all his dealings with his fellowmen, and is widely respected in the community where so many of his years have been passed.

EDWARD B. DOAN, M. D.

Dr. Edward B. Doan, a physician of West Carrollton, Ohio, was born in Monroe county, this state, and is the son of Rev. J. H. and Mary (Reid) Doan. His paternal grandfather, William Doan, whose wife was Miss Aseneta Hampton before her marriage, came with his father Daniel Doan, to this state from Pennsylvania. Rev. J. H. Doan was reared in Athens county and attended the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, after which he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal church. He has always been a member of the Pittsburg and East Ohio conferences though for the past twenty years he has been superannuated. In the years of his activity this state was the scene of his ministerial labors, but he has now given up the most of his ministerial labors and lives in retirement. He is now living in West Carrollton at the age of eighty-one years, while his wife is seventy-six, and both are enjoying good health.

Edward B. Doan began the education that stretched over many years and was obtained from many schools, at the public institution of instruction at New Athens,

Ohio. From there he went to Caldwell, to Newport, New Matamoras and to Bealsville, all in Ohio. He began his college work at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, where he remained two years. At the end of that period he took a trip west and entered the Nebraska State University at Lincoln. After a year's study there, he enrolled in the medical school at Cotner, Nebraska, and completed the work of the freshman year. From there he went to Utica, where he made his home for about two years, after which he went to Cleveland, where he entered the Cleveland Homeopathic School, from which he was graduated in April, 1899. The following July he came to West Carrollton, where he has followed his profession ever since, and into whose communal life he has fully entered.

On the 27th of October, 1903, Dr. Doan was united in marriage to Miss Amy Newell, the daughter of Henry L. and Belle (McCauley) Newell, now living in West Carrollton. Henry L. Newell is the manager and secretary of the American Envelope Factory and is one of West Carrollton's prominent citizens. Three sons have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Doan: Edward N., Roscius C. and John Henry. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church of West Carrollton, of which Dr. Doan is a prominent member, for he is one of the official board, and is also secretary and recording steward.

Dr. Doan has affiliations with several fraternal organizations, and is a member of several societies that look to furthering the cause of his profession. He belongs to the Miamisburg lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and to the West Carrollton lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. During his college days he joined the Alpha Gamma Delta Fraternity, and in the reunions of his fraternal brothers revives the memories of those former days. He is a member of the Dayton Homeopathic Medical Society, Homeopathic Medical Society of Ohio and American Institute of Homeopathy. In the practice of his profession Dr. Doan has been very successful; and his opinion is regarded highly among those in whose midst he works. He is a man who has the power to make and retain strong friends, who are loyal in their support of him and wish him all good fortune.

DAVID D. BOSLER.

David D. Bosler, one of the firm of Bosler & Hertz, is a young business man of Dayton, where for the past fifteen years he has been in business with different concerns. He was born in this city, at the corner of Dintaert and May streets, July 6, 1874, the son of Marcus and Sarah (Bliler) Bosler. His grandfather, also named Marcus, came to Ohio from Pennsylvania, his native state, and settled near Wooster, on a farm which he himself cleared. He became a prominent agriculturist and lived to an advanced age. Marcus Bosler, Jr., came from Union county, Pennsylvania, when a young man. He received the greater part of his education in that state, and after his advent to Ohio learned the mason's trade and became a stone and brick contractor, being one of the early stone workers of Dayton. He died July 11, 1881, and was buried at Woodland.

David D. Bosler was the youngest of four children, Emma L., Matilda J. and Marcus W., being his older sisters and brother. He attended the grammar

and high schools of Dayton, and two years after fininshing his education entered upon his business career. At first he had the ordinary experiences of a young man in the employ of another, but soon he entered into partnership with E. Hertz and established the present firm, where he has a field for the exercise of his enterprising spirit. Of this same energy and spirit he gives liberally to the Reformed church, whose members know him for a man ever ready to lend a hand in church affairs. Mr. Bosler's has been a quiet life; the place of his birth has remained his home to the present, but he has the elements of success in his make-up, and the business he has established deserves to prosper.

E. A. PARROTT.

In the fall of 1828 Thomas Parrott emigrated from Hamburg, South Carolina, to Dayton, bringing with him two families of negroes—his farm slaves—for whom he sought a free state. He established his home in this city and his son Edwin A. Parrott was born November 30, 1830, at the southeast corner of Second and Perry streets. At that date the little house, which was afterward torn down to make way for the home of Preserved Smith, was the last on West Second except the cabin of Aaron, Judge Holt's negro man, which stood about where Houston Lowe's home is now to be seen.

Edwin A. Parrott began his education when four years of age under the direction of Miss Crane, who conducted a primary school in the "Session House," where the manse of the First Presbyterian church now stands. A little later he was a pupil in the school of Edward Varian, conducted in the basement of the Episcopal church on Jefferson street, replaced by Clegg's block. From the Varian school he was transferred to that of Colonel Collins Wright in the old academy at corner Fourth and Williamson, while later he continued his studies in the school of E. E. Barney, held in the basement of the Baptist church, on the present site of the Home Telephone building. He began the study of the ancient languages there under Frederick Snyder, afterward a distinguished Baptist minister. In 1845 he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, Ohio, and was graduated four years later. In the fall of that year he began to read law in the office of Hart & Craighead, and after a year thus passed entered the Dane Law school of the Harvard University. Before completing his course, however, he gave up his studies to embark in business with his father and as T. Parrott & Son was for many years engaged in the manufacture of linseed oil.

In 1870 E. A. Parrott became connected with the Malleable Iron Company, which had recently been organized, and as its president for twelve years brought to it a large and profitable business. He sold his interest in 1882 and has since then lived quietly in his country place near the city.

In 1854 Mr. Parrott visited Kansas and became much interested in the effort to make it a free state. On his return home he was very active in the organization of the Anti-Nebraska party and as a delegate from this county attended the first state convention. In 1859 he was nominated by the republicans for state representative. For a term of years Montgomery county had been democratic, but

in 1859 the republican candidate was elected by a small majority. Representative Parrott in his legislative career was identified with thirteen members of the house and senate that constituted the conservative element as distinguished from the radicals in the legislature, headed by Governor Chase. Mr. Parrott was put up as a candidate for speaker against the choice of the governor. He was defeated but was soon elected speaker pro tem and in the organization of the committees was made chairman of that on federal relations. This was a very important committee at that time. During the session Representative Parrott introduced and carried through the house a joint resolution inviting the Kentucky legislature and its guest the legislature of Tennessee to visit Columbus as guests of the state of Ohio, and as chairman of the house contingent with Senator James A. Garfield as chairman of the senate committee bore the invitation to Louisville. It was delivered and accepted at a banquet given by the citizens of Louisville, at which both the Ohio legislators spoke. The progress of these legislatures to Columbus and the receptions along the way were marked with patriotic speeches from the southerners, most of whom, alas, within a twelvemonth were in arms against the flag to which they were then declaring their devotion.

On behalf of the conservative element in the legislature Mr. Parrott opened up correspondence with Mr. Lincoln, who had spoken at Dayton during his campaign of 1859, for permission to use his name as a candidate for the presidency against Senator Chase. None of these conservatives were elected delegates to the Chicago convention, but nevertheless, were there and active in behalf of Mr. Lincoln and, undoubtedly, influenced the final vote of Ohio, which nominated him. At the adjourned session of 1861 Mr. Parrott introduced the resolution inviting President-Elect Lincoln to visit Columbus on his way to Washington and was chairman of the house committee that met Mr. Lincoln at Indianapolis and acted as his escort to Columbus. During this session Mr. Parrott and his conservative confreres opposed both the uncompromising resolutions of the radicals and those of the democrats, impeaching the good faith of the north and succeeded in passing the resolution under which Ohio was represented at the peace congress and in giving control of the delegation to the conservative element.

But the gun that was fired on Fort Sumter blew away the conservatism of Mr. Parrott and on Monday morning, the 15th of April, 1861, before the meeting of the house he went to the governor's office and, announcing his purpose to resign his seat, offered his services in any capacity under the president's call for troops.

Colonel Parrott comes from fighting stock. One of his ancestors on the paternal side was wounded in the Swamp Fight in King Philip's war. Another was in the company that defended the bridge at Salem against the detachment of British sent to seize the powder and another, Captain Joseph Flint, was killed at Saratoga, while Captain Abner Parrott, grandfather of the Colonel, was commissioned by the Boston committee in April, 1781, as commander of the brigantine Dolphin, a privateer out of the port of Salem. On the maternal side the ancestry of Colonel Parrott was represented by a captain and quartermaster in the colonial army, a lieutenant in the Fifth Maryland Volunteers and a brigadier general for the eastern shore of Maryland. Colonel Parrott began his military career as fourth corporal in the First Ohio Militia Regiment, Colonel Edward King commanding. He was later commissioned lieutenant and adjutant and at the breaking

out of the Civil war was major of the regiment. Under orders from Governor Dennison he went to Dayton, April 15, 1861, to assist in recruiting from the militia regiment and on Tuesday afternoon returned to Columbus with three full companies. On the night of the 17th he left for Washington in charge of two thousand men, organized in companies only. These troops were subsequently formed into the First and Second Ohio Volunteer Infantry and Major Parrott was elected lieutenant colonel of the First. The term of enlistment expired July 17, but the men waived their right to be discharged on that date and served for a week longer, taking part in the battle of Bull Run on the 21st of that month.

On the reenlistment of the First Ohio on the 17th of August for three years Governor Dennison appointed a young lieutenant from the regular army as colonel, whereupon Lieutenant Colonel Parrott tendered his resignation, but at the protest of all the company officers and at the urgent solicitation of the governor withdrew it and went to the field with the regiment. In the following February he was promoted colonel and for some months was in command of a brigade in Johnson's division. In April, 1863, at the special request of Brigadier General Fry, United States pro marshal, Colonel Parrott was detailed as his assistant for the state of Ohio with headquarters at Columbus. He served in that capacity until February, 1864, when the death of his father made it necessary that one of the four sons should leave the service to take charge of the estate and, as the colonel had been a partner in his father's business, it was thought best that he should make the sacrifice and, accordingly, he resigned February 14, 1864.

In 1865 Colonel Parrott was again elected to the legislature and was chosen speaker of the house. He did not approve the radical reconstruction measures and thought President Johnson was aiming to carry out Mr. Lincoln's plans and so, being out of sympathy with his party, Colonel Parrott did not seek a renomination. He took part in the convention, however, which nominated Horace Greeley in 1872 and entered actively in the campaign work in support of that ticket. Four years later the nomination of his old friend, Governor Hayes, drew him back to the regular republican party and he took an active part in the campaign.

Colonel Parrott was married in February, 1866, to the eldest daughter of the Rev. Dr. Thomas and of their children four survive. Their only son is professor of English literature in Princeton University.

PETER A. KEMPER, M. D.

Peter A. Kemper, one of the younger physicians of Germantown, Ohio, was born May 31, 1876, in Churchville, Lewis county, West Virginia, and is the son of Alexander Hamilton and Elizabeth Rebecca (Musser) Kemper. So far as known the family emigrated from Germany to Virginia in the latter part of the sixteenth century. The Doctor's grandfather, Reuben Allen Kemper, married Miss Rosie Hitt, who bore him twelve children. He was a farmer, a Baptist minister and a mechanic, and was the first of his family to come to Virginia from West

Virginia. He was a man who, though he had to make his own way in the world, attained a good-sized fortune; large enough in fact to enable him to leave each of his large family one hundred acres of fine farm land. Alexander Hamilton Kemper was born and reared in Lewis county, West Virginia, and became a general farmer and landowner and takes an active part in all public affairs. Of the fourteen children born to himself and wife all but one daughter, Mayme, are living. The others are: Peter A., R. K., Emma B., Sarah, Odessa, Delphi, John R., Lillian M., Esta, Willa, James, Claude and Virgie H. Ralph K. is a graduate of the Ohio School of Dental Surgery of Cincinnati and now lives and practices in Germantown.

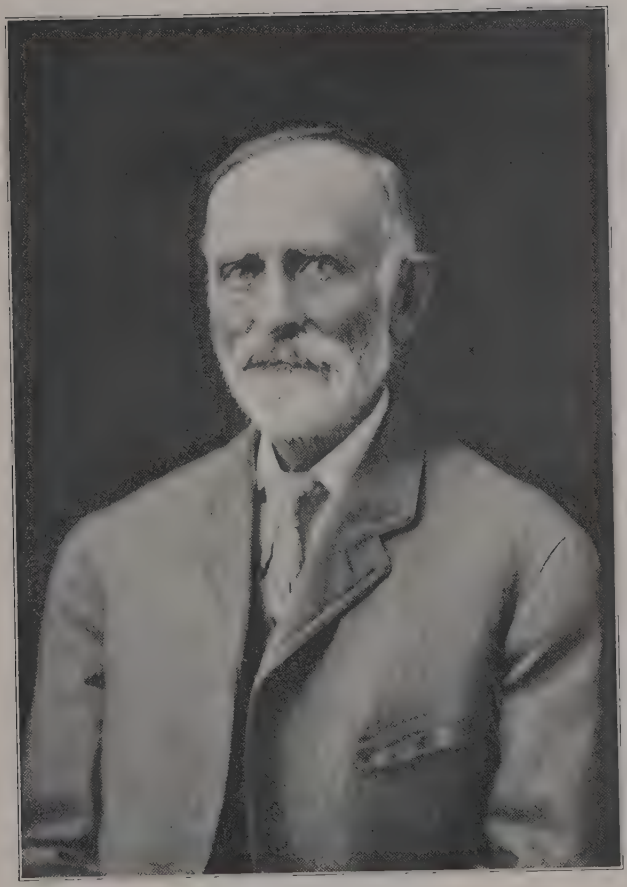
Peter A. Kemper received his early education at the district schools of Lewis county, West Virginia. From there he went to the Broaddus Classic and Scientific Institute at Clarksburg, West Virginia, where he pursued a classical course. Upon graduation he engaged in teaching for a period of three years, having had previously some experience in this profession, and later he entered a medical college at Cincinnati. From this school he received a medical degree in 1903, whereupon he returned to West Virginia, being engaged in practice at French Creek for a year and a half, and at Vandalia for two years. He then came to Germantown in 1906, where he has since resided, and where he has built up a good practice.

On the 16th of March, 1904, Dr. Kemper was married to Miss Laurs Gertrude Hefner, the daughter of Henry J. and Rhoda (Gould) Hefner. Her father was a farmer and stockman and one of the prominent citizens of French Creek, West Virginia, taking an active part in local affairs and evincing much public spirit. Two children, a son and a daughter, Harold and Frieda Virginia, have been born to Dr. and Mrs. Kemper.

Although his professional duties require the larger share of Dr. Kemper's time he is yet able to attend many of the meetings of the Masons, among whom he is an active worker, and of the Modern Woodmen. In his college days he was initiated into the Tau Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and in the occasional meetings of the alumni chapter finds much diversion and enjoyment. Through his membership in the Ohio State Eclectic Society he keeps abreast of his profession and acquainted with the efforts and work of his fellow physicians. The best years of his life are still ahead of him, and as preparation for them he has laid a substantial present, with the good-will of the people among whom he has practiced, given in return for faithful services and a skill in the mastery of a difficult profession.

JACOB BENNER, SR.

Jacob Benner, Sr., one of Montgomery county's oldest farmers, owns and lives upon eighty-five acres of land, excellently adapted to farming, situated on the Centerville road, about one and a half miles from Miamisburg in an easterly direction. He is the son of Jacob and Polly (Gebhart) Benner. The former was the first of this large family to come to this locality. He came from Maryland, which was the birthplace and the lifelong home of his father,



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who was also named Jacob, and drove across the mountains to Ohio, settling on the old Kline farm, about three miles east of our subject's home. He faced successfully the many hardships that confronted the settlers of those early days, and when his life's work was over the country was the better for his having lived. His children were Philip and Valentine, both deceased; Jacob, of this review; Alfred, deceased; and a daughter who died in infancy.

Jacob Benner, Sr., was born in this county and is now one of its oldest men. From the schools here he received all that they could give him in the way of education, and from his father he learned the value of hard work, which has ever been one of his distinguishing characteristics through his long life. Self-made he may truly be called, for upon his own efforts alone did his advancement in life depend, and by them has he attained to his present position and been enabled to transmit a noble legacy to his children.

On the 31st of October, 1852, Mr. Benner was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Miss Lusetta Leiss, who was the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Dubbs) Leiss, well known among the farmers of this county. She died on the 1st of March, 1909. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Benner, namely, Ebon, Elwood J., Hortense, Navy and Blanch. Elwood J. is the virtual manager of his father's farm and lives thereon with his family. He received his education in the school of district No. 7, and from his youngest days helped his father in the work on the farm. After attaining his majority he traveled for about two years, carrying a line of general merchandise. On the 3d of September, 1896, he was married to Miss Carrie McWinnie, the daughter of Mason and Mary (Phillips) McWinnie. Two children, Jacob and Mary Lusetta, have since been born to him.

Mr. Benner, Sr., with the rest of his household, belongs to the Lutheran church and during his long life has ever been a credit to its teachings. As one of the oldest citizens of this county, he holds an enviable record, not alone for longevity but usefulness, strong character, and the other qualities that go toward making a man indispensable to a community. It is to be hoped that the years of his influence may not soon be curtailed.

REV. PROFESSOR F. W. E. PESCHAU, D. D.

The Peschau family has had its home in the city of Clansthal-Zellerfield, on the Hartz mountains, in the kingdom of Hanover, Germany, for about one hundred and fifty years. Two branches of the family migrated from the old family seat and their descendants are chiefly residing in the United States.

Hon. Edward Peschau, German imperial consul in the port of Wilmington, is the son of Rev. George Ludwig Peschau, who spent his whole life in Germany and was the first minister in the family's history. He was a graduate of the far-famed University of Goettingen and, after being ordained to the holy ministry, took charge of the Lutheran church at Altenbroch, near the city of Bremen. Here he lived and labored for fifty-two years, and here he died and is buried. One

of his sons is a physician in Germany, and a nephew of his, Dr. Herman Peschau, resides in Nebraska.

Rev. Professor F. W. E. Peschau, D. D., of Miamisburg, Ohio, the subject of this sketch, was born in the city of of Clansthal-Zellerfield, Hanover, February 17, 1849. He is the eldest child and only son of Henry and Wilhelmine (Muehlhahn) Peschau and had but one sister. The family came to the United States in 1853, on the ship North Carolina, and landed in Baltimore, where they resided a short time, and then removed to Wheeling, West Virginia, to take up a permanent residence. In Wheeling the aged father, Henry Peschau, did in 1897. The only daughter, Mrs. Augusta Fuhi, still resides there. The mother died March 9, 1877. She and her husband were buried in Mount Zion Evangelical Lutheran cemetery. Having spent his boyhood days in Wheeling, where he attended both a German parochial school and the public school, and having been confirmed, he was sent in 1867 to study for the holy ministry in the celebrated Lutheran college and theological seminary at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. There he spent six years. At his graduation he had the honor of delivering the German oration of his class, which was the largest the institution had graduated up to that time.

It is customary in Germany that when young Lutheran theologues have finished their course that they teach either in private families or in a school, to use what they have learned and to get practical experience and to learn to understand life and the world, that their public teaching may be practical, wise and useful. This wish was cherished by the father, and so Professor Peschau accepted the honorable position tendered him and became superintendent of German in the public schools and professor of German in the high school in the city of Evansville, Indiana. This position he held three years, when he resigned that he might give himself exclusively to the ministry. He was asked by the board to reconsider and recall his resignation after its presentation, as he had given entire satisfaction. Called as Lutheran pastor to Nebraska City, Nebraska, he was soon after his removal there unanimously chosen superintendent of the public schools and served in that capacity two years. He also became professor of German in Nebraska College, an Episcopal institution located there, and for two years taught therein under the lamented Bishop Clarkson. All this was done in addition to his pastoral labors. Shortly after his removal to Nashville, Tennessee, he became professor of German in Dr. Ward's large female seminary, at that time the largest in the south, and also in Vanderbilt University, so that he taught continuously for about ten years.

Recognizing his talents, proficiency, experience and success both as a professor and superintendent, the board of trustees of North Carolina College in 1883 unanimously elected him president of the college, but he declined the high and distinguished honor of a college presidency. As superintendent and professor he has had under his care about one hundred teachers and thirty-eight hundred children and students. He has been a prolific writer. For years he was editor of the German Gleanings, in the Lutheran Observer, of Philadelphia, the largest and most widely circulated English Lutheran church paper in the world. When the Southern Illustrated Monthly Magazine was begun in Nashville, Tennessee, which was one of the finest efforts in this line ever made in the south, but for lack

of means failed, he was chosen editor. For about ten years he was associate editor of The Lutheran Visitor, the leading southern Lutheran church paper. Besides all this he has been special correspondent of several papers in both English and German. He has not only lectured to his students in German university style, but has also delivered many addresses and lectures on educational and other topics before teachers' institutes, county, district and state conventions, schools, seminaries, colleges and universities. He has lectured in the following twenty states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. His lectures on The Cemetery of the Sea, Foreigners, Luther, The Lutheran Church, Moral Training in Public Schools and the Sons of Issachar have been delivered before thousands of people and received great encomiums from the press, from faculties of institutions, from private letters, etc. We apend just a few. The Charleston News and Courier says: "The learned and gifted speaker selected as his subject 'Foreigners,' and answered who and what they are and what they have done for this country. The effort was grand and the audience was delighted." The Die Deutsche Zeitung of Wheeling, West Virginia, said: "Pastor Peschau is an extraordinarily fine speaker." Charlotte North Carolina Observer: "Mr. Peschau is a lecturer of fine ability and his lecture is one of the finest literary productions we have known to emanate from the pen of our home talent." Nashville Daily American: "In regard to the lecture I can only repeat what all others have said who have heard it, that it was grand, beautiful, sublime."

The sole aim and object of his public life has been to prove himself a faithful pastor and gospel preacher in the Evangelical Lutheran church; while he has talents in other directions and delights to use them to do good, the ministry is his chief delight, as it is his chief calling. Even as a student he organized two Sunday schools, and while engaged in the busy duties of superintendent and professor at Evansville, Indiana, he began and maintained and built up a mission in the courthouse that had a Sunday school of almost four hundred scholars.

His first regular pastorate was at Nebraska City, Nebraska, where he succeeded the distinguished Rev. Dr. Eli Huber, who had been called to Philadelphia as pastor of the large Messiah church. One Easter Sunday while pastor here he confirmed forty-eight catechumens. The work prospered in every direction but the climate was too severe for the young pastor, and so on the united and urgent advice of several physicians he went south, accepting a call to the First church in the city of Nashville, Tennessee. The parting of the pastor and the people in Nebraska City was a touching one. The most pleasant relations possible had existed, the work was prosperous, and the pastor and people were mutually pleased and satisfied, so that it was painful to each side to speak the parting word. In Nashville, Tennessee, the pastoral relations were always pleasant and both the congregation and Sunday school grew steadily for years. The church being German, English services were introduced that were much appreciated and well attended, and proved to be of incalculable advantage to the church and its work.

About four years were spent in the famous capital of Tennessee and Rev. Mr. Peschau often speaks of them with delight and of the kindness shown him while

there, from the governor down to the humblest citizen. Having been unanimously called as pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran church of Wilmington, North Carolina, in December, 1881, he accepted the call and removed to that city in February, 1882. He has ever enjoyed the esteem of his congregation. The first two pastorates he served have endeavored several times to have him return as pastor when there was a vacancy and St. Paul's in Wilmington paid him the unusual honor and kindness of adopting, unanimously and heartily, a resolution in 1884, expressing the desire that he might remain its pastor during the days of his natural life. During his labors in Wilmington the parsonage interior has been completed and much improved and the exterior painted. The interior of the church has also undergone entire renovation. The interior has been finely frescoed, new chandeliers and carpets have been supplied and a grand new pipe organ secured, and improvements made in many directions. Lutheran Memorial building, an elegant edifice, was erected in 1884. In 1890 a lot was purchased and a fine chapel erected thereon in Brooklyn, known as St. Mathews Mission, which mission he started and organized. The congregation and Sunday school have both enjoyed a steady growth and are both in a flourishing condition. Up to the present time Rev. Peschau has had charge of and under his own supervision about eighteen hundred Sunday school scholars. Being an active church worker he has held many positions of trust and has received many church honors. Fully two-thirds of his time in the ministry he has been a synodical officer. He has occupied almost every possible office of ecclesiastical secretaryship from the lowest to the highest. For four consecutive years he was president of the North Carolina Synod, an honor no other man ever enjoyed in the history of this old body. He was the last president of the General Synod, South, at Roanoke, Virginia, and as the first president of the United Synod, South, opened its convention in Savannah, Georgia, in 1887, so that he was twice the chief officer in the entire Southern Lutheran church. The general Southern Lutheran body chose him as its representative to the Northern General Synod in 1887. He has frequently represented district synods, both as delegate to the general body and also to other district synods.

On the 10th of June, 1891, he was complimented with the honorary degree of D. D., which was unanimously and heartily bestowed upon him by the board of trustees and the faculty of North Carolina College. Dr. Bernheim, his predecessor, wrote: "Your congregation is certainly advancing under your administration and I say this sincerely and not as a mere compliment, the work speaks for itself." The Lutheran Home in a notice of him said: "We are glad to have such a worker in so important a field of labor."

Those who bear the banner of the cross successfully are worthy of all honor. We sometimes overlook the esteem due them—due not to pamper pride, but to "give honor to whom honor is due." We offer, therefore, no apology for this extended biography of one to whom God has given superior talents and the energy to use them.

On the 3d of June, 1873, Rev. Peschau was united in marriage to Miss Clara J. Myers, eldest daughter of Hon. A. K. Myers, Sr., of York Springs, Pennsylvania. They have six children living, four daughters and two sons. Dr. Peschau has published a number of songs of his own composition, including Ode to Gen-

eral Andrew Jackson, which was sung by the Philharmonic Society and played by the Columbia (Tenn.) band at the unveiling of the Jackson Equestrian Statue in Nashville in 1880; Ode to Mrs. ex-President James K. Polk; God Bless Our Noble Firemen; There is no Home but Heaven; The Orphan's Plea; and Father Ryan's celebrated Conquered Banner, which he later translated into German and set to music. He has published tracts, quite a number of sermons, a small book of poems, a sketch of Mrs. James K. Polk, dozens of pamphlets, etc. He has been elected honorary member by a number of literary societies connected with literary institutions, as Vanderbilt University, North Carolina College, etc. Various historical societies of national reputation and influence have elected him an honorary member, these including the Tennessee Historical Society, the finest in all the southland; and the German Historical Society of Maryland, which is the finest in its line in the United States; Trinity Historical Society, of Dallas, Texas; and others. He is corresponding secretary of the Wilmington Historical Society, has been a director of the Wilmington Library Association for about eight years, was acting chaplain of the Porter Rifles, the best infantry company of Nashville, Tennessee, and has often officiated as chaplain in both the house and senate of the Tennessee legislative bodies. He has been a delegate to county, state and international Sunday school conventions a number of times and was chosen a vice president of the North Carolina Sunday school convention in Charlotte.

The Doctor has received a number of calls from different churches and besides these has been offered other calls during his stay in Wilmington but he declined them all. Prominent among them was the call by the church of the Holy Ascension, of Savannah, Georgia, this being extended in February, 1891. This is the largest Lutheran church and congregation in the southern states, the church having cost about seventy-five thousand dollars. All these facts prove a recognition and appreciation of his talents and services on the part of the church. As to his scholarship we need but say that he not only studied Hebrew, Greek and Latin and the full college course but that he speaks, writes and uses English and German with equal fluency, ease and accuracy and has so far mastered the Norwegian language as to be able to hold services for Scandinavian seamen, which are most highly appreciated. His ability as a writer is demonstrated in the fact of his having been editor so many years. The many church offices he has held prove that he is a parliamentarian of recognized merit. The positions occupied in educational institutions demonstrate that he is a successful educator. The many things written and accomplished by him establish his reputation as a many sided and indefatigable worker. His success as pastor and preacher is attested by the work done and the calls with which he has been honored. His theological attainments have been recognized and endorsed by the honorary degree of D. D. which has been conferred upon him. His oratorical powers have often been complimented and at the eighty-eight convention of the North Carolina synod he was publicly introduced as "the silver tongued orator of the North Carolina synod," and the Lutheran Visitor's reporter from South Carolina, who was present, published in his account the following: "He was introduced as the silver tongued orator of the North Carolina synod, and fully sustained that reputation. The address

was a learned, able and eloquent presentation of the subject and is highly complimented by all."

While Rev. Peschau has talents, he has that which is better—industry; and while he has an enviable popularity, he has that which is better—humility. He ascribes all he has and all he has been able to do to the blessing and help of God, whose child and servant he is, and his one ambition is to spend and be spent, to fullest extent, in the Master's service.

In closing this sketch, which is a labor of love, the writer, Colonel T. G. Burr, wishes to add to what has been said above, that he has known Rev. Mr. Peschau intimately for the past ten years, although he is not a member of his church. No minister in the city of Wilmington of any denomination has the confidence and general esteem of the entire community to a greater degree than has Dr. Peschau. He is the only minister in our knowledge, experience and observation of fifty years, in all the south, that has the extraordinary ability to conduct the services of the church in three different languages, a thing he has done and is doing from Sabbath to Sabbath in the German, Norwegian and English languages. Rev. Peschau is still in the prime of life and we feel sure still higher honors await him in the golden future. In whatever way and from whatever source they may come, they cannot be bestowed upon one more worthy in every way, for he would grace any station in life and give dignity and worth to the highest official position.

From Wilmington, North Carolina, he was called to the pastorate of Zion Lutheran congregation, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, the oldest English Lutheran church west of the Allegheny mountains and one of the wealthiest in western Pennsylvania. This is the congregation to which the celebrated Hon. George F. Huff belongs. Here he spent seven years, from 1893 to 1900. Called from Greensburg, Pennsylvania, to Miamisburg, Ohio, where he is at present living and laboring, he entered upon his duties in Ohio in 1900. Three churches have been greatly improved, thoroughly renovated, under his ministry and supervision, namely: St. John's, Grace of West Carrollton and the St. Jacob's of Miamisburg, which latter church has a membership of nearly a thousand.

For three years Rev. Peschau has been the secretary of the District Synod of Ohio, and five years president of the Southwestern Conference, and for two years president of the Ohio State Lutheran League. He was elected and extended calls from the following congregations, which calls he, however, declined to accept: St. Marks of Williamsport, Pennsylvania; the First English Lutheran, of Goshen, Indiana, and the St. John's English Lutheran, of Dayton, Ohio. He has been honored with twelve calls. The golden jubilees, in which he took a prominent part and delivered the principal sermons are as follows: the Pittsburg Synod's Jubilee in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; the District Synod of Ohio, at Lancaster, Ohio; Zion congregation, Greensburg, Pennsylvania; St. Paul's, Wilmington, North Carolina; the First church, Nashville, Tennessee; and the centennials of the old historical Organ church, near Salisbury, North Carolina; and the Emmanuel congregation of Germantown, Ohio.

At the Nashville (Tenn.) centennial, he was the orator on German day, and on German day in Dayton he addressed thousands in German; and in Nova

Scotia, near Bridgewater, in September, 1908, he with his excellency, Governor Duncan Fraser, were the orators before an audience of several thousand.

Thus far in his ministry, he has married over six hundred couples, officiated at over seven hundred funerals, baptized over one thousand five hundred persons, received into church membership, by confirmation and certificate, over one thousand five hundred persons. In his present pastorate he has a Sunday school of over seven hundred, which makes it one among the largest Lutheran Sunday schools in the state of Ohio, and has a thousand church members under his spiritual care and supervision.

SAMUEL M. BENNER.

Samuel M. Benner, a well-to-do farmer of Miami township, is the owner of seventy acres of fine land on the Centerville pike about two miles east of Miamisburg. He was born on a part of this farm, July 10, 1865, and is the son of Valentine and Caroline (Goudy) Benner. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Benner, came here with his father Daniel Benner when a small boy and was among the first settlers in this part of the country, bringing many of the traditions of Virginia, their native state, with them. Jacob Benner's wife was Miss Elizabeth Gebhardt in her maidenhood, and in the family which she bore him was Valentine Benner. He was born on the old Benner farm that lay just below the one occupied by his son. Seventy-seven were the number of the span of years alloted to him, and when he died on the 17th of November, 1907, he was mourned as one of the best citizens of this county, for his years had been spent in useful labor, he was accounted a man of means and had ever been distinguished for the interest he took in public affairs. He lies buried in Miamisburg. Thirteen children were granted to him and his devoted wife, several of whom are living in this section of the county. They are Mary; Charles, deceased; Mason, of Dayton; Cornelia, of Miamisburg; Lucella; Edith, deceased; Samuel M.,; William and Albert, both residents of Miamisburg; Gracie, deceased; Emma; Caroline; and Robert.

Samuel M. Benner spent a longer period than the average at school, for he was but five years of age when he entered the school of district No. 7, and he was a pupil with more or less regularity until 1892, the second of the two years he spent in study at the college in Lebanon, Ohio. In the latter years of his school work he elected the classical course. Almost from the first day his lessons went hand in hand with work on the farm and before his education was completed he had undertaken the management of his father's land. Upon the death of the latter Mr. Benner became a partner in the business, bought some of the land that was part of his father's farm, and some additional acres on the other side of the road and started in to cultivate the soil for his own profit. Not content with the many duties that were his through his own possessions, Mr. Benner also looked after the old home place.

On the 9th of February, 1898, was solemnized Mr. Benner's marriage to Miss Eleanor Conover, the daughter of Schenck and Mary (Moses) Conover. The

father came to this state from New Jersey, where he was a farmer, but the mother was a native of Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Benner attend the Lutheran church, in which Mr. Benner received his religious training from his childhood, and are intimately identified with its interests and work of all kinds.

Mr. Benner is a man who has known the value of hard work and who can look back upon the success the years have brought him as the result of his own efforts. Some of the habits of study and the love of books inculcated during the many years he devoted to attaining his education have remained by him, and he spends many of his hours of recreation over the pages of a book.

URIAH WASHINGTON GARBER.

Uriah Washington Garber is actively engaged in the milling business in Madison township, Montgomery county, Ohio, and the prosperity which has attended his efforts is indicative of industry and perseverance on his part. Born July 17, 1858, on the old Garber homestead, he has spent his entire life in this section of the state, where members of the Garber family have resided for over a century. His grandfather, Daniel Garber, was a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and came to Ohio about 1807, making the journey in a covered wagon. He settled on a farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Montgomery county, where the remaining days of his life were spent. He was buried near Brookville in Wolf Creek graveyard. It was here that Jonathan Garber, the father of Uriah Washington Garber, was born, reared and educated, and he was numbered among the pioneer farmers of this section. He wedded Sarah Wyland and they became the parents of a son and daughter: U. W. Garber, the subject of this review; and Amelia, the wife of Jacob Cleppinger.

Uriah Washington Garber spent his youthful days on the old homestead farm which had been the home of his father before him, and attended the common schools of the neighborhood, where he received a good general education. That he possessed industry and perseverance, together with good business ability, was early manifest in the fact that while still upon the home farm he conducted a feed-grinding mill, which he operated during the winter months, while the summer season was devoted to agricultural pursuits. The experience thus gained in the milling business not only served as an excellent basis upon which to found his larger enterprise in the future, but proved as well a source of financial profit. He remained on the farm for several years and then in 1905 established his present milling business located on the Eaton pike about six miles west of Dayton. The success and prosperity which he has met in this line of business activity is proving most gratifying and he has also become the owner of seventy-two acres of fine farm land located on the Dayton and Lexington road, about three miles southwest of New Lebanon.

On January 1, 1880, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Garber and Miss Lydia Lentz, a daughter of George and Catharine (Blessing) Lentz, and they have two daughters: Ida, the wife of Elmer Bright; and Maud, the wife of Parker Filbrum, by whom she has a daughter, Marie Vida, born June 28, 1909.

U. W. GARBER AND FAMILY

Mr. Garber is greatly interested in community affairs and for a number of years was a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He votes with the republican party and is a member of the Brethren church, in which he is serving as one of the trustees, and is active and helpful in the different departments of church work. His home, which is very beautifully situated on the Dayton & Western traction line, is a fine modern residence, furnished with every convenience, and its warm hospitality is enjoyed by the large circle of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Garber.

WALTER C. BECK.

Walter C. Beck, one of the younger generation of gardeners of Montgomery county, has the reputation of being able to win from the soil products that are among the finest in quality as they are among the most generous in quantity. The knowledge and skill in cultivating the land may perhaps have been inherited, for it is known that the paternal grandfather, William C. Beck, who was a native of Michigan, was also a successful farmer. The grandfather was likewise a paymaster in the United States army and was accounted a good officer. At the time of his death he was living in Bradford, Ohio. Hollister Beck, the father of the subject of this sketch, came from St. Mary's Ohio, where he was engaged in railroading, the occupation to which he devoted the greater part of his life.. During the Civil war he enlisted from Urbana, Illinois, in Company K, Twenty-fifth Illinois Infantry and served as a private for two years with honor and credit to his company and country, receiving his discharge at Atlanta, Georgia. He was married to Miss Kittie Ann Hollar, of which union was born our subject.

Walter C. Beck was born in Dayton, Ohio, on the 26th of November, 1866, and under his grandmother's care he passed through the period of childhood, receiving the rudiments of his education in the public schools. He was but ten years old, however, when he began to gain that experience in gardening which has been so fruitful during the thirty-two years he has pursued it as his vocation, for each year has brought its own fund of experiments and knowledge, by means of which he has been able to build up his reputation as one of the best gardeners of the county.

On the 29th of December, 1886, Mr. Beck was united in marriage to Miss Mary R. Bolender, the daughter of John and Elizabeth (Crawford) Bolender. John Bolender was a farmer, residing in Edgemont, and the son of Jonathan Bolender, one of the early settlers of Dayton, who came to Ohio from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was a large landholder. Two children, May L. and Florence I., were born to Mr. and Mrs. Beck, but both have passed away.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck attend the United Brethren church and are active in promoting its interests and work. They are also identified with several organizations, both fraternal and social. Mr. Beck is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He also belongs to the Improved Order of Red Men, has served as deputy and represented his tribe in Toledo in 1909. The W. C. Beck Company, No. 13, of which he is a member, was named in his honor and has won several

prizes. He is also connected with the Daughters of Rebekah and Pocahontas, of which his wife, too, is a prominent member, she having served as treasurer and deputy in the latter organization.

At the present time, in 1909, Mr. Beck has two acres of his land devoted to celery. Here he has planted thirty-five thousand stalks, which will doubtless average five cents per stalk in the market, thus bringing him eight hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre. This is the second crop he has raised this year. He has won many prizes on his celery on account of its excellent quality. His interest in his fellow gardeners is fostered through his membership in the Horticultural Society, and of recent date he has been put on the committee on gardening. All in all, Mr. Beck is a man of great activity and varied interests. He has devoted the best years of his life to the cultivation of the soil and may feel well repaid by the results he has gained. He is a man, too, whose engaging personal qualities attract to him many friends to whom he is most loyal.

EMORY C. OBLINGER.

For the last eighteen years all the checks on the bank at Germantown have passed through the hands of one man, Emory C. Oblinger. Not only have business associations linked him with this city, but also associations of his whole life, for here he was born on the 5th of June, 1865. His grandfather, Gabriel Oblinger, came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to this county when the settlers were both few and scattered and took up the life of a farmer. His son, David Oblinger, was born in Germantown and here engaged in general merchandising. He was accounted a man of means, and in the annals of the city is credited with many acts indicative of public spirit. He died thirty-eight years ago, leaving one son, Emory C., the only child of his marriage with Miss Mary A. Clark.

At home and in the public schools of Germantown Emory C. Oblinger received his first insight into the problems of life and the means of meeting them, and on completing his education here entered a commercial college in Dayton, where he pursued a business course. He thereafter entered a grocery but was shortly afterward appointed assistant cashier of the bank here. In this capacity he rendered such efficient service that at the end of a year he was elected to the position of cashier, and through the eighteen years that have elapsed has given unfailing satisfaction to those who placed their confidence in his ability. At present he is also a director of the bank, so that its stable condition is further dependent upon him.

In September, 1889, Mr. Oblinger was united in marriage to Miss Pearl Schaeffer, the daughter of George and Maria (Emrick) Schaeffer. Mr. Schaeffer was a farmer of this county, but has recently retired from active participation in the work of agriculture. But one son, David L., has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Oblinger. He completed the course of instruction given by the public schools here and then for a term attended the Montgomery Military Institute. He is a young man of great promise who is at present filling the post of assistant

cashier at the Germantown Bank and to him his father is able to intrust much of his business.

Mr. Oblinger enjoys fraternal relations with the Germantown Lodge, No. 21, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is active in promoting the interests of the lodge and the welfare of its individual members. Among his fraternal brothers and throughout the town, Mr. Oblinger is highly respected among the citizens of Germantown, for he fulfilled with honor and credit the duties of a difficult position, has proved himself a man of sterling integrity, and wholly worthy of the confidence the public have reposed in him.

WILLIAM A. KEYES.

William A. Keyes, secretary and manager of the C. Schwind Realty Company, with offices in the Reibold building of Dayton, is a young man whose business methods are in keeping with the progressive spirit of the age and in his present connection he is continually seeking out new ways and means to further the interests of the company and thus indirectly promote the upbuilding of the city. He was born in Cincinnati, July 29, 1879, and in the paternal line comes of Irish descent, his grandfather having been a native of Ireland and the founder of the family in the new world. Crossing the Atlantic he spent his last days in Massachusetts, where he died when about sixty-seven years of age. His wife was Mrs. Mary Keyes who lived to the very venerable age of ninety-six years. They were the parents of seven children, which number included Patrick J. Keyes, the father of our subject. His birth occurred in County Roscommon, Ireland, and he became a bridge builder and contractor. He was only seventeen months old when his parents crossed the Atlantic to the new world, settling first in Boston where he remained until early manhood when he removed to New York city. There he followed bridge building until after the outbreak of the Civil war but in the opening year of the struggle between the north and the south he enlisted as a member of the Thirty-third Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry and served for three years. He was a private, loyal to duty and faithful to the old flag which he followed. He was in a number of the most important battles of the war and was wounded at Lookout Mountain. After the close of hostilities he returned to New York and soon afterward removed to Cincinnati where he did railroad construction work for several years. Subsequent to his marriage he acted as superintendent of construction and built the Soldiers' Home at Dayton. Later he built the Soldiers' Home at Marion, Ind., after which he returned to Dayton and has since been engaged in the roofing business. He married Miss Catharine Drury, also a native of County Roscommon, Ireland. Her father, who was a farmer, died on the Emerald Isle at the age of sixty-three years, while his wife, Mrs. Alice Drury, passed away at the age of eighty-seven. They were the parents of six children including Catharine, who became the wife of Patrick J. Keyes. Their marriage was blessed with the following children: John J.; James J.; Alice C., a member of the Order of St. Dominick; Joseph A.; William A.; and Mary C.

The parents are both members of Sacred Heart Catholic church and Mr. Keyes gives his political allegiance to the republican party which he has long supported.

William A. Keyes was only an infant when his parents removed to Dayton and here he was reared to manhood, pursuing his education in St. Mary's Institute. He afterward attended Wilt's Commercial College and later continued his studies in Jacob's University, after which he put aside his text-books and accepted a position with the Cash Register Company. After leaving there he was in the treasurer's office of the Soldiers' Home for two years and then embarked in business as a member of the Dayton Fibre Plaster Company, with which he was connected for two years. He next accepted the position of manager of the estate of Mrs. Christina Schwind and after her death the estate was incorporated into the C. Schwind Realty Company with Mr. Keyes as secretary and manager and with offices in the Reibold building. In this connection he manifests excellent business ability in placing and caring for investments and his success is recognized by all who know aught of the operations of the C. Schwind Realty Company. Mr. Keyes is also a director of the Dayton Street Railway Company and a director of the Dayton Brewery Company and is known as a young man of sound judgment and keen business enterprise.

On the 28th of May, 1902, Mr. Keyes was married to Miss Anna L. Schwind, a daughter of Coelestin and Christina (Latin) Schwind. Three daughters have been born of this marriage but Alice J., the second, died at the age of one year. The others are: Catharine and Josephine Marian. He and his wife are members of Sacred Heart church and he belongs to the Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Equity. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and while he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day he never seeks nor desires office, preferring to concentrate his energies upon the important business affairs which he is controlling.

JOHN G. BOWMAN.

John G. Bowman, one of the prosperous farmers of Jackson township, Montgomery county, was born in Lebanon county, Pennslyvania, December 15, 1852. Both parents, William Bowman and his wife, who in her maidenhood was Miss Anna Guigerich, were natives of that state. The latter, who was the daughter of Peter and Anna (Balsbach) Guigerich, was born in Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, in 1831. William Bowman was born in that same state in the same year and was the son of Abraham and Elizabeth (Eberly) Bowman, of Lebanon, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather was born in 1797.

Until he reached man's estate, John G. Bowman lived with his parents in Pennsylvania, where he attended school and acquired the first part of his practical education. In 1873 he left home to find a place for himself and came to Ohio. Here he engaged in farming on a considerable scale, and, being a man possessed of many sterling qualities of character, of industry, and a good manager, he soon was able to make his land more than pay for itself. Good fortune

attended all his efforts, prosperity shone upon him, until now his farm is one of the most complete and best equipped in this township.

On the 20th of October, 1877, Mr. Bowman was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Lucinda Apple, the daughter of Henry Apple. Three children have been born to them: David, Daisy, and Ward. David Bowman was married on the 9th of September, 1899, to Miss Nora E. Sholley, and is now the father of two daughters, Ara Devone and Ruth Valentine. The family attend the church of the United Brethern, of which Mr. Bowman is a trustee, and are actively identified with all its work.

A man of high principles, of sterling integrity, devoting himself to that phase of life which he chose as his vocation, and a kind and loving father Mr. Bowman fulfills the requirements of the finest citizenship of this republic. Success has attended all his efforts, his fields have yielded bounteously, and in more than one way he has been blessed. He is respected and esteemed in the community in which he lives.

ROBERT C. PATTERSON.

The attractiveness of Montgomery county as a place of residence is indicated in the fact that many of its native sons have remained within its borders to take advantage of its business opportunities, thinking them equal if not superior to those which could be obtained in other sections of the country. In this relation Mr. Patterson is known. He was born on a farm in Jefferson township, May 9, 1873, and has for some years figured as a rising attorney of Dayton, his growing power enabling him to command a constantly increasing clientage. His father, William J. Patterson, was a native of Ireland, born in 1831, and in 1850, when nineteen years of age, he came to America, establishing his home in Montgomery county, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching school and in following other pursuits. He defended the interests of his country in the Civil war by one hundred days' service as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Regiment of National Guards, acting as sergeant of the company. Our subject's mother, who bore the maiden name of Anna Ford, came to America from Ireland when very young.

Reared on the home farm to the age of eighteen years, Robert C. Patterson during that period attended the district schools, while later he had the benfit of instruction in the Steele high school of Dayton, from which he was graduated with the class of 1895. Two years later he completed a course in the Cincinnati Law School and the same year was admitted to practice at the Ohio bar, at which time he opened up an office in Dayton in partnership with J. C. Patterson and Barry S. Murphy. Later the two Pattersons formed a partnership, which continued until the death of J. C. Patterson, March 21, 1905, since which time Robert C. Patterson has remained alone in the practice of law, working earnestly and diligently to achieve that success which is the goal for which ambition is continually striving. Earnest effort, close application and careful study of his cases so as to determine the relative value of each point and to give due emphasis to the promi-

nent point upon which the decision of every case finally turns, are the strong elements in his success.

On the 9th of October, 1906, Mr. Patterson was married in Dayton to Miss Katharine M. Ryan, a daughter of John Ryan, at one time marshal of Dayton, now deceased. Mr. Patterson is a well known member of the Elks and Knights of Pythias lodges and is an interested member of the First Presbyterian church. At this writing he is assistant prosecuting attorney of his county. His sympathies are always on the side of progress and improvement and in as far as his professional labors permit he cooperates in public movements for the general good.

GEORGE C. HENKEL, M. D.

Dr. George C. Henkel, who for nearly half a century has ministered to the sick of Farmersville, Montgomery county, Ohio, was born in Germantown, this state, July 2, 1835, the son of Rev. Andrew and Elizabeth (Trout) Henkel. Rev. Henkel settled in Germantown in 1830, which was the scene of his ministerial labors during the remainder of his life. He was a pioneer Lutheran minister, sent out from Virginia for the purpose of organizing churches in the territory between Cincinnati and Cleveland. He was a devoted and prominent church worker in those early days and was also a wise and loving father, who reared a family of eleven children, six boys and five girls: Hiram, Melanchthon, Paul, George C., William, Edward, Julia, Mary, Margaret, Vandelena and Savina.

After completing such an education as was to be obtained in the local institutions in those early days, supplemented not a little by his father's instruction, George C. Henkel entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and was graduated therefrom in 1859. From there he went to the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, from which he was granted permission to practice his profession in 1860. Clayton, Ohio, was the scene of his first endeavors. After eighteen months spent there he came to Farmersville, where he has been in active practice for forty-eight years. When he came here there were but very few houses and for the first fifteen years of his stay he was in the habit of riding on horseback to see his patients, and it was no unusual thing for his journey to take him ten or fifteen miles from home. Circumstances have changed now, the patients, now many times more numerous, are within a smaller radius and a visit is not so much of an undertaking.

On the 23d of December, 1860, was solemnized the marriage of Dr. Henkel and Miss Catherine Martin, who was born September 16, 1836, the daughter of John and Eliza Martin, who came to this state from Berks county, Pennsylvania. Four children have been born to the Doctor and his wife: Vernon, in 1862; Naomi, in 1865; Ruth, in 1867; and Orpha, in 1869.

Dr. Henkel is a member of societies that look to the advancement of his profession, one local and the other of wider range—the Montgomery County Medical District and the Ohio Medical Associations. Fraternally he has affiliations with the Masons and with the Odd Fellows, and is also a member of the encampment at Germantown, Ohio. Dr. Henkel is an earnest member of the

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Lutheran church, whose interests his father did so much to advance in this part of the state. In short, he is a man of wide interests and sympathies, as successful physicians should be, and here, where he has practiced for such a length of time, he is honored and revered.

HOWARD GEBHART.

Howard Gebhart, a progressive and well known agriculturist, was born on the farm where he now resides on section 25, Jackson township, his natal day being July 7, 1868. His parents were Cornelius and Mary Jane (Silknitta) Gebhart, the former being a son of George and Magdalena Gebhart. The mother of our subject was a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Harp) Silknitta, who came to this state from Pennsylvania.

Howard Gebhart acquired his education in the common schools, and has always followed the occupation to which he was reared—that of agriculture. He has always continued to reside on the farm where his birth occurred and is actively engaged in its cultivation and improvement, his well directed industry constituting the basis of the gratifying success which has crowned his efforts in his chosen field of labor.

On the 16th of July, 1908, Mr. Gebhart was united in marriage to Miss Ada Kline, a daughter of John and Anna Kline, of Miami township, Montgomery county. They now have a little daughter, Edna Irene, born on the 3d of February, 1909.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Gebhart has given his political allegiance to the men and measures of the democrat party and has been a member of the board of elections for many years. He is well known and greatly esteemed throughout the community in which his entire life has been passed and the circle of his friends is almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

EDWIN ATKINS.

Edwin Atkins, conducting a profitable and growing business as a coal dealer at No. 1221 East Fifth street in Dayton, his native city, was born August 22, 1852, and is now the only surviving member of a family of five sons and three daughters, whose parents were David Y. and Elizabeth (Dehart) Atkins, both of whom were natives of New York. The paternal grandfather, John Atkins, was also born in the Empire state and died there of cholera. His family numbered eight children including David Y. Atkins, who was reared in the state of his nativity and became a cooper and butcher. Believing that he would have better business opportunities in the growing west, he came to Ohio in 1836, walking from Chillicothe to Dayton. Here he followed both coopering and butchering, continuing his residence in this city until his death which occurred when he was in his seventy-first year. His wife died in 1857. She was a member of the Pres-

byterian church while his religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Methodist church. He was also somewhat prominent in community affairs, served as assessor of Dayton for five terms and was an influential man in the political circles of the city. Having lost his first wife he married Margaret Mullinex and unto them were born two children, of whom one is now living—Abigail, the wife of John Kaiser.

Edwin Atkins has lived in Dayton all his life. He attended the public schools of this city, passing through consecutive grades as he mastered the branches of learning therein taught. As a young man he followed teaming and coal hauling and was thus engaged for thirty-six years but made gradual progress in his business life and when his earnings and careful expenditure brought to him sufficient capital he opened a coal yard of his own and has now conducted it for the past seven years, during which time he has built up a fine business.

On the 15th of September, 1873, Mr. Atkins was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Rogers, a daughter of Peter and Lavina (Zook) Rogers. Mrs. Atkins was born in Pennsylvania and her parents were also natives of that state and early settlers of Crestline, Ohio. Her father died in Cincinnati while her mother passed away in Dayton. They were the parents of seven children but Mrs. Atkins is the only one now living. By her marriage she has become the mother of eight children: Nora, now the wife of William Myers; Edwin S., who died at the age of twenty-seven years; Willis J., who is in the employ of his father and married Etta Davis, by whom he has three children: Catharine, Elnora and Iream; Flora Lavina, who is the wife of David Kugler; Effie May, the wife of Frank Snyder and the mother of a daughter, Gladys; Stella Maud and Ida Viola, both at home; and Mary, who died in infancy. The family residence is at No. 13 Sowers street and was erected in 1881 by Mr. Atkins. In his political views he is independent. Fraternally he is connected with the Junior Order of American Mechanics and both he and his wife are members of the Dunkard church.

PETER JERGENS.

Peter Jergens, a gardener of Mad River township, Montgomery county, and the owner of fourteen acres of land on the old Troy pike, about two and a half miles from the courthouse, was born on the old home place on the 6th of November, 1858. He is the son of Phillip and Mary (Steffin) Jergens, some account of whose lives is given in another part of this volume. Peter Jergens has passed all the years of his life in Mad River township, on his garden plot in fact, for during his entire school period he worked here, helping his father to win from the soil the desired products. The union of outdoor work and school lessons was not a bad one in his case, however, for he always stood among the first in his class and received as good an education as the schools of this locality afforded at that time. In hard, persistent labor his days have been spent, but his toil brought its own requital in increase of substance, and the satisfying knowledge that the neat appearance of the garden bespoke a man of real worth.

Shortly after entering into manhood Mr. Jergens married Miss Magdalena Abele. She was the sister of his brother Phillip's wife and the daughter of John and Barbara (Finkmeyer) Abele, of whom mention is made in the sketch of Phillip Jergens. Three children, a daughter and two sons, were born to Mr. and Mrs. Jergens. Mary, the eldest, has died, but the sons, Henry and Peter, Jr., have been spared to the couple and assist their father in his business.

Mr. Jergens is a member, as are the rest of his family, of the Church of the Holy Rosary, and is not only punctilious in his fulfillment of all his religious duties, but is also a conspicuous figure in all the activities connected with the congregation. All his life he has known what it was to work hard; he has also learned that great lesson of self-reliance, and these two things, the capacity to devote himself diligently to the task before him and the power to recognize and seize his opportunities, have combined to win for him his well deserved success among the gardeners of Mad River township.

AUSTIN J. ROSS.

Austin J. Ross, who is intimately identified with the business interests of Germantown as the owner and proprietor of a large leaf tobacco plant and as one of the partners of the leading dry-goods firm in this city, was born October 12, 1864, and is the son of William F. and Eleanor (Plank) Ross. The paternal great-grandfather was not only the first of the family to come to Ohio from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but was also among the first settlers in Warren county. His son Robert Ross learned the saddler's trade, but was a general merchant and tobacco raiser and a man who was ever interested in all local affairs. His son by his marriage with Sarah Hening, William F., the father of Austin J. Ross, was born in Montgomery county and followed the life of a farmer to within the last fifteen years, when he retired to the city to live in comparative ease. But one son was born to William F. Ross to carry on his interests as a tobacco man and continue his work.

Austin J. Ross attended the public schools for a period, and then at the age of fifteen entered a grocery, where he remained for about three years. At the end of this time he engaged in business for himself for about five years, and then embarked in the manufacture of cigars under the name of the Buckeye Cigar Factory. For about twelve years this latter continued to be his main interest in the business world, when the opportunities in the field of leaf tobacco seemed so good that he engaged in this phase of the tobacco work. The venture has more than fulfilled his highest hopes, for during the last year he was able to build a new factory in the lower end of town, which is considered to be one of the most complete in the county, and as he buys Ohio tobacco and lives right in the heart of the tobacco region he is accounted a good judge of all grades of the weed. In short he has made the best of an opportunity that promised well. As for his other commercial interests, some years ago he entered into partnership with the two Henry brothers, and purchased the clothing and general furnishings stock of H. A. Stutson. A few years later the partners acquired the general

dry-goods business of Rohrer & Christian, which is conducted at present under the name of the Henry & Ross Company. Outside of Dayton it is one of the largest stores of its kind in the county; is complete in every detail, and carries a large and well apportioned stock.

On the 27th of October, 1886, Mr. Ross was united in marriage to Miss Anna Henry, the daughter of James and Eliza (Lane) Henry. Mr. Henry was a farmer of Trenton, Butler county, and was accounted a successful man. To Mr. and Mrs. Ross there have been born two children: Robert, a student at Montgomery Military Institute; and Marjorie, who also attends school. The family are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which Mr. Ross is a steward and of whose Sunday school he is superintendent.

One of the leading business men of Germantown, Mr. Ross is a citizen who takes an active interest and pride in the welfare and progress of the civic body. He is especially prominent in educational matters and for a number of years has been a member of the school board. The Germantown lodge, No. 21, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows numbers him among its members, as does the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. He also belongs to the Foresters of Germantown, in all of which bodies he takes an active interest. All who have had dealings with Mr. Ross speak most commendably of his business tactics, and rightly, for he appreciates the fact that his success is in large measure dependent upon the welfare and good-will of his fellow citizens.

ROBERT JACOB GROBY.

Robert Jacob Groby, a prosperous farmer of Miami township, is a son of Jacob R. and Barbara (Buehler) Groby, who live about one mile south of our subject's home, and his only brother, Samuel B., lives in the same neighborhood. Mr. Groby resides upon his father's farm about one mile east of Miamisburg, on the Heinecke road. He follows a general line of agriculture, and, also like the majority of farmers of this section, has planted a number of acres in tobacco. From the public schools he received all they might give him in the way of a good practical education. It was a good foundation upon which to base the experience of the following years, which have brought their own reward for hard and diligent work in large returns. In the work of the Lutheran church he is very active, as are the other members of his family, and of recent years he has evinced a desire to enter into local politics. The years will no doubt prove his ability to act as a servant of the people, but so far he has not filled any office within the gift of his fellow citizens.

On the 5th of June, 1902, Mr. Groby was united in marriage to Miss Amanda Leibcap, the daughter of Henry B. and Sarah (Stettler) Leibcap. Her father was born in Montgomery county and is a very prominent farmer and landowner living two miles west of Miamisburg. In his family are four daughters, namely: Mrs. Mary Lambert, Mrs. Catherine Warrick, Mrs. Amanda Groby and Clara, at home with her parents. All are residents of Miami township

with exception of Mrs. Warrick, who lives in Dayton. Mr. and Mrs. Groby have two children: Pauline D. and Mary Ethel.

The difficult life of a farmer which Mr. Groby chose for his vocation has been its own reward. He has known the value of hard work, which in no walk of life is more necessary than in this, and there is every indication that in the long vista of years that stretches out before him he will win a well earned success in his life's work.

IRVIN L. HOLDERMAN.

Irvin L. Holderman, attorney at law and justice of the peace in Dayton, was born on a farm in Madison township, Montgomery county, Ohio, November 5, 1876, and is a son of Daniel R. and Mary Ann (Eby) Holderman. His grandfather, John C. Holderman, was a native of Pennsylvania and, removing westward, became an early resident of Montgomery county, Ohio, where he followed the occupation of farming, which was his life work. At the time of the Civil war he espoused the Union cause and did active duty for three years and eight months in the Sixty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry as wagonmaster, enduring many hardships and taking part in various battles. His death occurred in Dayton, May 3, 1884.

His son, Daniel R. Holderman, was born in Montgomery county, October 9, 1844, and was here reared to farm life. On attaining his majority he took up as his life work the occupation with which he became familiar in his youth until 1907, when he retired and removed to Dayton, Ohio. He was still a lad of seventeen years when he, with his father and brother Jacob, offered their services to the government and joined the boys in blue of the Fifty-ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry in December, 1861. His active military service led him into battles at Gallatin, Stone River, Murfreesboro, the Tullahoma campaign and Chickamauga. He was captured in Sequatchie Valley, paroled and returned to his regiment at Chattanooga, after which he engaged in the battles of Missionary Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Buzzards Roost, Resaca, Pine Mountains, Kenesaw, Peach Tree Creek, Jonesborough, Bentonville; went with Sherman on his famous march to the sea; was in the grand review at Washington; and was mustered out at Camp Dennison in July, 1865.

It was in his native county that Daniel R. Holderman wedded Miss Mary Ann Eby and unto them were born two sons and two daughters, but John H. died in 1893 at the age of eighteen years. The daughters are: Cleora May, the wife of Julius H. Kimmel, of Dayton, Ohio; and Ada F., the wife of Frank M. Dickes, also of this city.

On the old home farm Irvin L. Holderman remained until fifteen years of age and during that period pursued his education in the schools of Jefferson township, his parents having removed to that township in 1884. He afterward became a pupil in the Steele high school at Dayton and a year later entered the Ohio Normal University at Ada, now known as the Ohio Northern University. He remained there through the scholastic year of 1894-5, after which he returned to Dayton and entered a private school for the summer. Later he engaged in teach-

ing for three years in Madison township, presiding over what was known as the Buckeye school, the little "temple of learning" having been first built of buckeye logs. During the summer vacation we found him in college preparing for the law and in 1899 was graduated at the completion of a law course in the Ohio Normal University, finishing three years work in one year and winning the Bachelor of Law degree. He afterward pursued a post-graduate course in 1899 and 1900 and in June of the latter year was admitted to the bar. In the following August he opened a law office in Dayton, where he practiced until April 16, 1903, when he was elected justice of the peace and before the expiration of his first term, through his efforts and ability, the public was made to realize the importance of the justice court in Dayton, he having brought the office to a higher standing, council voted him a salary, with office, library and clerk furnished by the city, and in 1905 he was reelected to serve for four years or until the 1st of January, 1910. He is therefore presiding over the justice court at the present time and his decisions are strictly fair and impartial.

On the 29th of September, 1906, Mr. Holderman was married in Durand, Wisconsin, to Miss Jessica P. Jellison, of New Orleans, Louisiana. They attend the Episcopal church and Mr. Holderman belongs to the Dayton Bar Association, various political organizations and clubs, Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Elks Lodge, and the Modern Woodmen Camp. Politically he stands upon the republican platform, regarding its planks as a safe foundation upon which to rest the superstructure of governmental affairs.

ISRAEL C. BEEGHLY.

Israel C. Beeghly, a progressive and enterprising farmer and stock-raiser of Madison township, is managing the Pfoutz farm of one hundred and fifty-seven acres of rich and productive land, situated on the Wolf Creek pike about two miles west of Trotwood. The farm, which is located on the south side of the pike, is lacking in none of the improvements and accessories of a model property of the twentieth century, including a commodious and modern brick residence. Mr. Beeghly was born on the 25th of December, 1850, in Madison township, Montgomery county, near the National Soldiers' Home, his parents being Elias and Sarah (Erbaugh) Beeghly. The paternal grandparents were Michael and Susan (Kimball) Beeghly, the former being a native of Pennsylvania, while the great-grandfather was born in Germany. When his son Elias was about seven years of age Michael Beeghly brought his family to this county, the journey by wagon from Somerset county, Pennsylvania, being a long and tedious one. Michael Beeghly died in this part of the state and was buried in Bear Creek cemetery. Elias Beeghly the father of our subject became one of the prominent agriculturists of the community and reared a family of ten children: Abraham and Susan, who are now deceased; Rebecca; Israel C., of this review; Sarah; Maria; Amanda; Elias D.; Hettie; and George.

Israel C. Beeghly attended the district schools of Madison and Jefferson townships and his youth was a period of earnest and unremitting labor, for when

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he was not busy mastering the lessons assigned him, he gave his father the benefit of his services on the home farm. On attaining man's estate he chose as a life work the pursuit to which he had been reared and has since devoted his time and energies to agricultural interests with gratifying success. In addition to the work of general farming he is likewise engaged in stock-raising, now has thirty-five head of Holstein cattle and also raises some horses for his own use. The excellent quality of his grain and stock insures him a ready market and he is well known and highly esteemed as an energetic, wide awake and representative agriculturist.

In December, 1878, Mr. Beeghly was united in marriage to Miss Amy A. Pfoutz, a daughter of Samuel and Sarah (Wogaman) Pfoutz. The father is still living and makes his home with our subject. Mr. Beeghly is a consistent member of the Brethren church, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. He has always lived in this county, so that his acquaintance is a wide one, and that he is best liked where best known is an indication that his salient characteristics are those which command respect and good will.

WESLEY MICHAEL.

Wesley Michael, whose industry and well directed energies have gained him classification among the prosperous farmers of Montgomery county, was born in Jefferson township, this county, May 26, 1845. He is a son of John and Charlotte (Dull) Michael, who came to Jefferson township in 1835 from Frederick county, Maryland, the father devoting his attention to agriculture. In their family were nine children, namely: Cornelius, Rhuanna, George P., John H., Jacob Mary Ann, Wesley, Enos, and one who died in infancy.

Wesley Michael, whose name introduces this sketch, was reared upon the home farm, and the educational privileges which he enjoyed were those afforded by the common schools of the neighborhood. During the periods of vacation he assisted in the work of the fields, thus receiving practical training in farm work. After reaching man's estate he continued to make the occupation to which he had been reared his life work. He owns and cultivates a farm of one hundred and fifty-nine acres, upon which he has placed many improvements, and he has placed the fields under a high state of cultivation. The care and attention which he has bestowed upon it is manifest in the neat and careful appearance of the entire place. Aside from his agricultural pursuits Mr. Michael also operated a sorghum factory upon his place, conducting the same for about twenty-four years. He still runs a camp for the purpose of making maple syrup, and this branch of his business interests is proving a source of gratifying profit to him.

Mr. Michael has been twice married. On May 17, 1874, he was united in marriage to Miss Rachel B. Ranch, a daughter of Peter and Anna Ranch, and this union was blessed with four children, Rosa Jane, Clement L., Charles I. and Howard L. After losing his first wife Mr. Michael married Mrs. Minerva (McClellan) Brain, a daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Brain. Mr. and Mrs. Michael are members of the United Brethren church at Liberty, Ohio, in which

he is serving as a trustee. Always a resident of Montgomery county, he is classed with its industrious and prosperous farmers and in the conduct of his business affairs he has displayed a reliability and progressiveness that have gained him admiration as well as sucecss.

LEWIS H. STINE.

Lewis H. Stine, a successful farmer of Germantown, Montgomery county, was brought into the world on the 16th of June, 1851, in Frederick county, Maryland, as the son of Henry and Mary Elizabeth (Brown) Stine, who were farmers in that old state of colonial associations. There Lewis grew up to young manhood, filling the days with the tasks or pleasures that presented themselves, acquiring such education as was afforded in the vicinity, in fact leading just the healthy life of the average boy similarly placed. With the advent of his manhood he was possessed of the natural desire to start in life for himself. He had already chosen the woman whom he wished to share with him his meed of joy and sorrow, Miss Phebe Freshour, the daughter of Alexander and Louise (Cover) Freshour, who were citizens of Maryland. They were married on Christmas eve, 1874, and shortly after the beginning of the new year, he set out to find a place which should be his new home, He came to Ohio and, selecting a farm in Jackson township, Montgomery county, returned to Maryland to fetch the wife awaiting him. In the years that followed four children were born to bless their union, two daughters and two sons: Clara, who came into the world in 1875; Elsie, who was born three years later; Charlie, born in 1885; and Willie, born in 1891.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stine have been connected with farming all their years. They have been wholly dependent upon their own resources and endeavors, too. By hard work and with courage to face the problems of the day, Mr. Stine has steadily prospered. His home is one of the most comfortable in this locality and presents an inviting aspect in its situation. The other buildings on the farm, and the fields themselves, are in a similar condition that bespeaks the hard work and the good management of the owner. Mr. Stine orders his life in conformity with the creed of the church of the United Brethren, in which faith he has reared his family. Not a matter of form has been their religious training, but an integral part of their lives. As a man, a Christian, and a friend Mr. Stine is respected by all who know him.

ROBERT G. CORWIN.

Robert G. Corwin, practicing law in Dayton as a member of the firm of McMahon & McMahon, was born in Lebanon, Ohio, December 7, 1877, and is a representative of one of the old families of this state, his grandparents having resided here at an early day. His father, Robert B. Corwin, was a native of War-

ren county, Ohio, who throughout his life resided at Lebanon. His death occurred in 1906 when he had reached the age of sixty-five years.

Robert G. Corwin spent the years of his minority in the place of his nativity and in the public schools acquired his preliminary education, being graduated from the high school with the class of 1896. He then entered the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, and was graduated therefrom in 1898. After leaving the university he took up the study of law and also worked on the Warren County Record, an independent republican paper, published weekly. For two years he attended law school at Lebanon, and at different times continued to work on the paper until 1901, when he came to Dayton, after having just been admitted to the bar. In that year he formed a partnership with James Stuart under the firm style of Corwin & Stuart and later became associated with the well known law firm of Young & Young, with whom he continued for three years. At the end of that time he entered into partnership with Julius V. Jones and William G. Frizell, under the firm name of Frizell, Corwin & Jones and thus practiced for eighteen months. In 1907 he came into his present office. Since his admission to the bar he has made steady progress in the profession, devoting a large part of his time to the preparation and trial of cases, in which branch of the practice he has met with success.

Mr. Corwin belongs to the Dayton City Club, the Buz Fuz Club, the Dayton Bicycle Club, the Dayton Country Club, the Dayton Golf Club and the Garfield Club, and has many friends among these societies. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party.

LEWIS M. BAILEY.

Lewis M. Bailey, a prosperous farmer and tobacco raiser of Miami township, Montgomery county, owns one hundred acres of fine land on the Jonathan Reedy road, just off of the Springboro road, about three miles east of Miamisburg. He was born February 21, 1870, on what is known in this locality as the Bailey farm and is the son of Napoleon and Amanda (Carver) Bailey. The father came to this state from Virginia with his mother and her family, who located here after the death of her husband. She has since died and lies buried in Centerville, Ohio. Napoleon Bailey was by trade a stone-cutter and followed his calling in this part of the state. He steadily advanced in business, the time of the building of the courthouse in Dayton was a contractor, doing considerable work upon the edifice. Later in life he took up farming, having purchased the old Hibbard farm. He was the father of nine children, all of whom are living: Alonzo, of Dayton; Henry, of Miamisburg; Perry and Clara, the wife of James D. Lewis, both living in Warren county; Ada, the wife of Henry Dearth, of Washington township; Lewis, the subject of this sketch; Wilbur, of Wapakoneta, Ohio; Walter, of Dayton; and Arthur, of Wapakoneta.

Lewis M. Bailey received his early education in the common schools of Miami township and worked on the farm during the vacations and also through the year, so that by the time he was nineteen years old he was fully competent to manage a

farm of his own. For a number of years, however, he operated the home place with his father, on shares. He has always known the value of hard and persistent toil, and the success that the years have brought him has been the result of his own efforts. Like the majority of the farmers of this section he is a tobacco man, but he also raises considerable stock for the market and does a little diversified farming besides.

On the 28th of November, 1897, Mr. Bailey was united in marriage to Miss Mary Matilda Reedy, the daughter of Andrew and Mary (Leis) Reedy, who were residents of this county. Andrew Reedy came to this county with his father and mother, Daniel and Mary Reedy, from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was the first of the family to locate in this state. He passed away May 3, 1897, and is buried in Miamisburg. In his family were the following children: Emanuel, a resident of Miamisburg; Sarah L., the wife of Levi Weidner, of the same place; Amanda, the wife of James Rear, of Dayton; Andrew Y., of Dayton; Louisa, the wife of Lee Greendish, of Miamisburg; Henry, of Dayton; Adam, of Miamisburg; Amelia J., wife of Ed Benner, of Xenia; Mary Matilda, the wife of our subject; Eliza A., the wife of Harley Paff, of Miamisburg; Charles R. and George W., both of Dayton; Ludora and Daniel E., both deceased; Justina, wife of Arthur Miller, of Dayton; and Dr. R. A. Reedy, of Dayton. But one son, Forest, who was born March 24, 1900, in the old Bailey home, has been granted to Mr. and Mrs. Bailey. He is a fine bright boy of nine summers and is now in school.

The family are members of the Reformed church and have ever shown an active interest in its work. A member of that large class of men popularly called self-made, the record of his years shows that Mr. Bailey has used both his time and opportunities to the best advantage. His fields always present the appearance of perfect culture. His stock is ever carefully raised and well cared for, and there is every indication that the succeeding years will be more profitable than the past.

DANIEL VALENTINE YOST.

Daniel Valentine Yost, an energetic business man of New Lebanon, was born in Perry township, this county, January 5, 1862. He is the son of Robert and Rosanna (Hepner) Yost and comes of a family who for three generations has been identified with the farming interests of this part of the state, for Charlie Yost, his grandfather, came to Ohio from Maryland in 1836. He was accompanied by his wife, who in the days of her maidenhood was Miss Catherine Swisher, and he laid the foundations upon which the succeeding generations have built.

Daniel Valentine Yost passed the years of his boyhood and youth at home under the care and guidance of his parents. About twenty-two years ago he opened up an establishment whereby he could satisfy the general needs of the farmers of the vicinity. In it he has a country mill and a feed store, where he manufactures flour and does grinding. His place also is equipped for the making of cigar boxes, and in other ways he accommodates his customers. The machinery that he has installed is of the latest and most improved kind and his business has been more than ordinarily successful.

Mr. Yost has been married twice. On the occasion of his first matrimonial union, which was effected on the 26th of October, 1882, Miss Susie Miller, the daughter of Martin and Susan (Flory) Miller, of Randolph township, was the bride. Mr. Yost had enjoyed but twelve years of her companionship, when she died, leaving a daughter, Mamie, who was born on the 8th of August, 1884. On the 14th of August, 1903, Mr. Yost married Miss Frances Manning, the daughter of George and Susan (Pote) Manning, residents of Clay township. No children have been born to this union.

In the score and more of years that Mr. Yost has been ministering to the needs of the farmers round-about he has created for himself a large and appreciative clientele, for in all his dealings he has been found to be honest and honorable, and to make every effort to satisfy those that come to him. In consequence of this policy he has been more than ordinarily successful, and looks forward to enjoying many years even more fruitful than the past.

WILLIAM A. PEFFLEY.

William A. Peffley, the popular mayor of West Carrollton, Ohio, was born June 17, 1878, in Ellerton, Montgomery county, and is the son of Henry and Elizabeth (Sheritt) Peffley. His paternal grandfather, Henry Peffley, whose wife in her maidenhood was Miss Sarah Bowser, came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to Ohio, at a time when the journey had to be made by wagon. He settled here and reared his family to become good citizens of the state and country. His son Henry was born in the same town which was the birthplace of William A. Peffley, the subject of this sketch. The latter years of his short life were passed in Miamisburg, however, whither he had moved his family. Death called him in the prime of life, and he left four young children: Howard, William A., Charles and Robert. The wife and mother is still living at the age of fifty-six years and makes her home in Miamisburg, with her parents, who are now in the eighties.

William A. Peffley went to Miamisburg with his parents when a small boy and at that place received his early education, for he attended all the schools there and was graduated from the Miamisburg high school. On account of the premature death of his father, he was reared by his uncle Jacob, who, when he had finished his early education, took him into his business, that of a grocer. The ins and outs of this calling he learned thoroughly, and when opportunity offered he engaged in the grocery business for himself, which has since demanded his time and attention up to the present. In it he has been very successful and has made many friends, who realizing his ability and appreciating the public spirit he has evinced upon several occasions, chose him to guide the destinies of this little city. As the candidate for mayor on the citizens' ticket he was elected by a handsome majority over his two strong opponents. Those qualities that won for him popular regard have remained by him through his period of trial, and he is still looked upon as the people's choice, retaining the good-will of his constituents.

On the 24th of May, 1900, Mr. Peffley married Miss Charlotte Bailey, who is the daughter of William and Amanda (Pittinger) Bailey, residents of Warren

county, Ohio, and is a woman whose graces well fit her to be the consort of the man to whom the citizens of West Carrollton look as their leader.

A man endowed with the power to lead others, of proved business acumen, and blessed with the ability to make and retain his friends, and by his own to strengthen their adherence to him, he continually demonstrates the wisdom of the people's choice of him as the head of their city. Those traits of character upon which they based their decision have not proved wanting; the city has prospered under his direction, and should he continue in office bids fair to advance to yet highter state of urban effectiveness.

OSCAR J. NEEDHAM.

It is a splendid thing when an individual can show a record of continuous service with one house from youth to old age and while Oscar J. Needham is hardly yet in the prime of life he has for a third of a century been a representative of the Dayton Malleable Iron Company, of which he is now general superintendent. In his entire life there is not a single esoteric phase. His accomplishment represents the fit utilization of his innate powers and talents and the opportunities which have been presented. There was nothing unusual in these opportunities, they being such as come to every individual and in fact his start in business was much more humble and obscure than that in which many a youth finds himself on the outset of a business career.

Mr. Needham was born in Dayton in February, 1864, and at the usual age entered the public schools but put aside his text-books when a lad of twelve years to earn his own living. He sought and secured the position of office boy with the Dayton Malleable Iron Company, which at that time had less than one hundred names upon its pay roll. One of his early aims was to become an efficient stenographer and operator of the typewriter and through private instruction and wise use of all of his time, usually termed leisure, he soon became an expert in this line of work.

One of the strong characteristics of Mr. Needham is that he has regarded no situation or position as final but rather as a stepping-stone to something higher and when he had become an expert stenographer and typewriter he began studying bookkeeping, pursuing a thorough course in a commercial college. His willingness, thoroughness and adaptability naturally won to him the attention of those whom he served and about this time the president of the company, Robert C. Schenck, became greatly interested in Mr. Needham, seeing in him splendid aptitude for development in mechanical skill as well as wonderful executive ability in the handling of men. He, therefore, gave to Mr. Needham the chance to win for himself a place in the industrial world such as few men of his age occupy but the fact that success lies in the individual is again demonstrated in his career for though opportunity was offered he must himself possess the ability to use it. Further qualifying himself for responsibilities he pursued a course in architectural and free hand drawing and with characteristic zeal soon became master of the subject. Then followed an exhaustive

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course in mechanical engineering and, recognizing the fact that malleable iron was not a science without the aid of chemistry, he took a course in this branch of learning under most competent instructors. While thus engaged he gained the possession of a private laboratory worth several thousand dollars and it has been of immense assistance to him as he has carried on experimental work in connection with his business interests. Thus with knowledge of stenography, typewriting, bookkeeping, of architectural and free hand drawing, of mechanical engineering and chemistry Mr. Needham was splendidly equipped to master every detail of the great and growing industry with which he is associated and to direct the labors of others. Today he is uniformly recognized by experts as a metallurgist of the highest rank. There is no department of the business of the Malleable Iron Company with which he is not familiar in principle and detail. After Mr. Needham had finished his technical education in 1901 he was called upon to participate in an examination in metallurgy where there were one hundred and sixty-nine who took part in the test, being representatives from Italy, France, Germany, Russia, Australia, Canada and the United States. The board of examiners consisted of one representative from each country and there were four hundred questions to be answered covering all the commercial metals. The result of the examination was from twenty-one to one hundred and sixty-eight correct answers from all the other one hundred and sixty-eight contestants, but Mr. Needham answered correctly three hundred and ninety-nine out of the four hundred. The four hundredth question he refused to answer as it involved one of the vital secrets in his business. For this he holds a bronze medal—the only one ever issued. Mr. Needham took up the study of Polish, Hungarian, Macedonian and other foreign languages so that he might be able to converse in their own tongue with the many foreigners who seek employment in the great institution of which he is general superintendent. His linguistic powers undoubtedly explain in part the excellent discipline which he is enabled to maintain throughout the entire plant and it also makes plain in a measure the high esteem and respect entertained for Mr. Needham by all, from the humblest laborer to the president of the company.

In 1888 Mr. Needham was married to Miss Ida Poole and unto them has been born a son, Robert. Mr. and Mrs. Needham hold membership in the Summit Street United Brethren church, with which he has long been identified, serving today as a member of its board of trustees. When the church had struggled along for years under a burden of heavy indebtedness Mr. Needham was persuaded to accept the position of treasurer and with characteristic zeal he attempted the management of its finances with the result that after two years the church was freed from its financial obligations for the first time in its history. Unlike many active and successful business men Mr. Needham does not regard practical politics as something beyond the pale of his efforts. Indeed he believes it to be the duty of every true American citizen to labor for and support the principles which he deems most efficient as factors in good government. He is himself a stalwart republican and for several years was a member of the county central committee while when occasion has demanded he has supported his position by intelligent argument in the campaigns. In the spring of 1886 he was elected a member of the board of education, having the

distinction of being the youngest man ever chosen for any office in this city. His ability manifested in connection therewith has led to his retention in the office for a long period. He had military service as a member of the National Guard in early life, joining the Guard as a private but winning promotion to official rank during his seven years connection therewith. Fraternally he is a Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar and a member of the Mystic Shrine and also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and the Dayton Chamber of Commerce. Socially Mr. Needham is a delightful man to know. Quiet and unassuming in demeanor with the desire to do justice to all men, his many sterling traits of character have won for him a large circle of friends. Beginning life's battle at the age of twelve years with no capital save courage, energy and determination, he has succeeded in gaining a place in the front rank among the leading and successful residents of his native city while his record is an indication of the fact, which many seem to doubt, that prosperity and an honored name may be won simultaneously.

LEIGH H. SPOHN.

The only store in Mad River township is that which was opened fifteen years ago in Harshman by Leigh H. Spohn, the assistant postmaster of this town. July 23, 1864, was the date of Mr. Spohn's birth and his parents, Joshua and Margaret (Broadstone) Spohn were living in Xenia, Ohio, when this son was born to them. Joshua Spohn came from Maryland, the home of his parents, Joshua and Maggie (Kellar) Spohn. The Kellars were an old Maryland family, though some of them came to Ohio. They are all people of considerable education and local prominence, one of Mrs. Spohn's brothers having been the first president of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. Members of this branch of the family are still living in that town, where they are well known for the part they play in local affairs. When Joshua Spohn, Sr., came to Ohio the first time he was alone. After a year's stay here returned to his home, making the whole journey on horseback. With the gold on his person to pay for the farm he had selected he again came to Ohio, where for two years he battled with the hardships of a new country. At the end of this period he had so conquered his environment that a home, rude though it must have been, was ready for the reception of his family. So he made the journey to Maryland once more, on the same old gray mare he had used on the previous trip and brought his wife and children to his new home. He was the first of the Spohn family to come to this part of the country, and the little farm on which he first located is still known as the old Spohn homestead. His son, Joshua Spohn, the father of Leigh H. Spohn, was born in Middletown City, Maryland, May 15, 1820. He was but a small boy when his parents came to this state and might be said to have grown up with the country. He early turned his attention to farming and in 1860 came to Montgomery county and settled on a farm on the Brandt pike, which is known as the Spohn farm in this locality. He died September 20, 1870, leaving his widow with six small children to provide for and rear. Mrs.

Spohn survived her husband by nearly thirty years, her death not occurring until February 8, 1900.

Leigh H. Spohn was the youngest of this family left fatherless, John, William, Charles, Susan and James being those who had preceded his entrance into the world. During the years that he attended school he also worked on the farm, learning in this way the great value of the thrift and industry and to make the best use of the opportunities that presented themselves. In his early manhood he worked in Dayton, where he started to learn the machinist's trade. This, however, did not prove to his liking and he forsook it to go into the flour business. After three years he decided to make another change and opened his present general store. This is a very complete one of its kind; for in connection with it Mr. Spohn has a meat market and a refrigerating plant, in which he makes all his own ice. A good gasoline engine is also one of his assets.

On the 1st of May, 1890, Mr. Spohn was united in marriage to Miss Emriette Meyer, the postmistress of Harshman and the daughter of Carl Frederick and Dorathea Augusta (Reinhold) Meyer, both natives of Germany. The father was born in Grimmitzschan, Saxony, September 7, 1843, and the mother in Gustrow, Schwerin, Mecklenburg, January 16, 1841. Mr. Meyer is now living in Canada, but spent many years of his life in Ohio, where he was a cigar manufacturer. He was likewise the owner of a three hundred and twenty-acre farm, but has now turned over the management of it to his son. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Spohn: Victor K., who graduated from the Steele high school of Dayton in the spring of 1909; Paul O., who has just completed his second year at that school; Ruth, deceased; and Ethel, who is attending the school in Harshman but looks forward to finishing his education in Dayton. The family belong to the Lutheran church and are prominent in all church affairs.

That another store has not been opened up in Mad River township bespeaks the satisfaction with which the people of this locality regard Mr. Spohn's efforts to gratify all their wants. He keeps an up-to-date, fresh stock, as complete as can be, always on hand; is most courteous in his reception of visitors and assidious in procuring for them, at whatever inconvenience to himself, that which they may desire. In all his transactions he has been found honorable and generous, so that there is every reason why he should retain the confidence and good-will of the community, that has been his for so many years.

ADAM GILBERT.

Adam Gilbert, president of the Farmers & Citizens Savings Bank at Germantown, Ohio, was born on the old Gilbert homestead, in Jackson township, Montgomery county, July 18, 1854, and is the son of Jesse and Hannah (Swinehart) Gilbert. The family is of remotely German origin, and the first of those to come to this country made their home in the wilderness of Frederick county, Maryland, where many of the name attained distinction. The Ohio family may be traced back to George Gilbert, whose children, Adam, David, James and Isaac, were all born in

Maryland, where George himself lived and died. Adam Gilbert, son of George Gilbert and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, February 5, 1800. He was reared a farmer and married Catherine Diffenbaugh, a native of the same county and the daughter of Henry and Catherine Diffenbaugh, also of German origin. To Adam Gilbert and wife were born ten children: Jesse, Eleanor, John, Jane, Nelson, Mary, Joshua, Julia A., Louisa and Rebecca. The farm of Adam Gilbert was situated in Carroll county, Maryland, which county was cut off from Frederick and Baltimore counties after the birth of Jesse Gilbert, and embraced some two hundred acres, lying near Westminster, which was Adam Gilbert's home until his death in 1865. He had been a member of the Reformed church and during the later years of his life was a strong republican and a stanch supporter of the Union during the Civil war.

Jesse Gilbert, the father of the Adam Gilbert of this sketch, received a fair common-school education and was a strong and rugged boy who did a great deal of useful work on the home farm. At about twenty-two years of age he came to Ohio, in 1848, locating in Jackson township, Montgomery county. Here he married Mrs. Hannah Mullendore, the daughter of Peter and Elizabeth Swinehart and the widow of Daniel Mullendore. Peter Swinehart was of German descent and a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, though he was one of the early pioneers of Jackson township, having entered a tract of land of one hundred and sixty acres, on which Jesse Gilbert lived. Mr. and Mrs. Swinehart were the parents of eight children. They were strict members of the Dunkard or German Baptist church and were highly respected in the community where they lived. Mrs. Hannah Mullendore Gilbert by her previous marriage was the mother of five children: Anna Maria; Josiah, who died young; Leona; and two others who died in early youth. Upon their marriage Jesse Gilbert and his wife settled upon the Swinehart homestead, which they did much to clear and improve, bringing it to its present state of fertility and productiveness. He prospered in his undertakings and at the time of his death was possessed of three hundred acres of land excellently adapted to the varied farming he conducted. In politics he was formerly an old line whig, but in his later years affiliated with the democratic party. He was distinguished for his public spirit and the aid he gave to all movements designed for the public good. Mrs. Gilbert was called away February 13, 1880, and her husband was laid by her side in the Twin Valley cemetery twenty-three years later. Both were consistent members of the Dunkard church and died within its folds, deeply mourned by a large number of people who respected them for their fine traits of character.

Adam Gilbert received his early education in Jackson township, but was compelled to change his school on account of there not being a bridge over Big Twin creek and was transferred to the school of German township, in which he completed his education. He was a diligent student and a great reader and his library is remarkable both for its size and the careful selection of the books which it contains. Up to within the past few years he has always been a farmer, working for his father during his youth, and at the age of twenty-four starting out for himself, assuming the charge of the home place at the time of his mother's death. When Mr. Gilbert came to Germantown in 1904, he took an active part in the reorganization of the bank here and was elected its president. To it he devoted the most

of his time and the flourishing condition in which it is at present is largely due to his exertions.

On the 9th of December, 1879, Mr. Gilbert was married to Miss Elizabeth Moyer, the daughter of Peter and Keziah (Eslinger) Moyer. The father was a farmer in Preble county, Ohio, and the mother is still living at the advanced age of ninety-three on the old home place. To Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert were born two children: Jesse; and Pearl, the wife of Herbert A. Shank.

A man of sterling integrity, Mr. Gilbert has made a place for himself in business circles of Germantown that might be envied by anyone. The bank whose destinies he guides is one of the concerns that make for the stability of the city and its fair name. In the social life also he is known, and the Gilbert home on Cherry street is one of the very prettiest homes of the city, in which a gracious hospitality is ever extended.

A. M. DODDS.

The life history of A. M. Dodds is another illustration of the fact that it is the young men who are today controlling the veins and arteries of trade and traffic. His connection with commercial circles is that of president of the Dayton Automobile Company. He was born in this city, August 16, 1881, and is a representative of one of the honored pioneer families of this portion of the state, his great-grandfather having come from Pennsylvania when Montgomery county was still a frontier district, sparsely inhabited and giving little promise of rapid future development. His son, John Dodds, was born in Montgomery county, February 13, 1822, was reared in Germantown and in the course of years became an active and valued representative of business interests in Dayton, serving for many years as president of the John Dodds Manufacturing Company. His son Orion Dodds was born in Dayton, June 10, 1850, and, becoming connected with the John Dodds Manufacturing Company, was for a long period general manager of the business. He was also president of the Dayton board of police commissioners for three years and was actively connected with various movements looking to the benefit and progress of the city. His death occurred September 14, 1904, and was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

At the usual age A. M. Dodds entered the public schools, pursuing his studies through successive grades until he entered upon a course in the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, where he won his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1902. Returning at once to Dayton he was here engaged in the wholesale millinery business for three years and, in 1906 when the Dayton Automobile Company was organized, he was elected president and general manager. He is thus giving his attention to the careful direction of its interests, manifesting marked executive force and keen discrimination in control of its affairs. He is also a director in the Winters National Bank.

When age conferred upon Mr. Dodds the right of franchise he enlisted in republican ranks and has since marched under the party banners. He is prominent in Masonry, belonging to the Knight Templar commandery and to the Consistory

and is also connected with the Mystic Shrine. He likewise belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and to the Owls Lodge, while his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the First United Brethren church. As a representative of one of the oldest families of the county he is well known and his life record is in harmony with that of an honored ancestry that through successive generations has been closely allied with all the progressive movements relating to the material, intellectual and moral progress of the community.

JOHN THOMAS FOUTS.

John Thomas Fouts, a retired farmer, residing in Germantown, but owning a fine farm of seventy-seven acres on the west side of the Oxford road, about five miles from the city, is the son of Jacob J. and Sarah J. (Bailey) Fouts. The great-grandfather on the paternal side came to Ohio from Lancaster county, Pennsylivania, accomplishing the journey by wagon. He was the first settler in this part of the county and cleared the land upon which the old homestead was built and stands to this day. He married Miss Elizabeth Stubbs and their son John was born and reared on the old home place. Later he engaged in its operation and was successful beyond the average. John Fouts wedded Miss Mary Judy and they were the parents of Jacob J. Fouts, the father of the subject of this sketch. He also was reared on the old home place on which he had been born and was educated in the public schools of this county. He was a man who was dependent upon himself for his advancement and soon won a foremost place among the farmers of Montgomery county, taking an active part in all matters that concerned the community. He was the father of three children, Thomas, William and U. S. Sarah J. (Bailey) Fouts, the mother of our subject, is the daughter of Thomas and Ann (Denise) Bailey. Her father came here from Clinton county and was one of the early settlers in this locality, where he followed his trade of miller. When he located here he did not have any money, but by hard work and careful management gained for himself a comfortable income. Eleven children were born to him: William and Abe, both deceased; Samuel, who is still living; Sidney, deceased; Sarah J.; Anna Maria, deceased; George; Elizabeth, deceased; Rachel and Kate.

John Thomas Fouts received his early training for life in the common schools and at home under the guidance of his parents. From his youth he has worked on the farm, even during his school period, and has made the best use of the opportunities afforded him. Until advancing years and a sufficient income suggested the wisdom of retiring from active pursuit, his farms were always well cultivated, showing the thrift and diligence of their owner. His crops were plentiful and the returns of his labor good.

On the 31st of January, 1882, Mr. Fouts was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Whallon, the daughter of George and Sarah (Long) Whallon. William Whallon, her paternal grandfather, was the first of the family to come to this county from New Jersey, his former home. His son, George Whallon, was born in Hamilton county, in 1826, and was a farmer and a mechanic. He died June 2, 1906, in the eightieth year of his age. To Mr. and Mrs. Fouts were born three

MR. AND MRS. JACOB J. FOUTS AND HOME OF J. T. FOUTS

children, of whom Berdella and an infant are deceased. Grace Ethel, the eldest, is the wife of Ernst Slifer. The family is identified with church work, the lives of its various members evincing a most Christian spirit. The Fouts home is situated on the corner of Market and Walnut streets.

Mr. Fouts has had little taste for organizations of any kind, or, in fact, for any diversions that called him beyond the bosom of his family and from the pursuit of his calling. To this fact may indeed be credited the success of the years in his farming, and also the happiness of his home. He is, however, a good neighbor, and has his friends who wish him a continued enjoyment of many years of ease.

GEORGE P. MICHAEL.

George P. Michael, who was one of the prosperous farmers of Montgomery county before he retired from active life and took up his residence in Germantown, owns one hundred and seventy-three acres of excellent farm land, in two distinct farms, the smaller one, of seventy acres, lying in Jefferson township. He was born in Maryland, December 9, 1834, and is the son of John and Charlotte (Dull) Michael. John Michael came here from Maryland, accompanied his own family and also his father, Peter Michael, who had retired from active participation in farm life, and settled first near Sunbury. Later he moved to the land he purchased near Liberty, Jefferson township, upon which he lived and reared his family. There were eight children born to John Michael and his wife, all of those surviving being residents of this county. They are Rowena, George P., John, Mary, Wesley and Enos. Cornelius, the eldest, and Jacob, the fifth child, have passed away.

George P. Michael received his education in the schools of this county, and has all his life been devoted to farming interests, assisting in the work that was carried on at home from the time he was able to perform the smallest tasks, until, having attained his full growth, he could do a man's work in the fields. He owned large tracts, which were under a high state of cultivation, were well improved and bore witness to the thrift, industry and good management of their owner. Having made a marked success of the work to which he had given the best years of his life, Mr. Michael felt justified in committing the greater responsibilities to another and enjoying the rest and comforts that were his due.

Mr. Michael has been married twice, the bride of his first union having been Miss Sarah Myers, to whom he was wedded in February, 1856. To Mr. and Mrs. Michael have been born eight children and several grandchildren have also been granted them. Ella, the eldest, is the wife of Martin Young, and the mother of Etta; Bessie; Ruth, deceased; Russell; and Esther. Noah, the second in the family, has died. Mary Ann is at home. Lucinda is the wife of Clinton Mathias and has six children: Bertha; Walter; Adah; Fay and Ray, who are twins; and Virgie Emma, the fifth of the family, married George Weaver. Amanda married Perry Forrest and is the mother of Maud, Haldon, Leta and Robert. Perry married Miss Leota Rawheat, who has borne him two sons, Waldo and Ralph. Charles, the youngest of Mr. Michael's children by his first wife, takes full charge of the interests of the family. He was born on the farm in Jackson township, July 25, 1870.

Upon completing his education in the schools here, he went to Otterbein University and then engaged in teaching. He had, however, always been identified with farming interests from his childhood days and along with his professional work conducted a profitable farm in Preble county. Of late his time has been fully occupied in caring for the many agricultural and other concerns of the family, handed over to him when his father retired from active life. He was married on the 16th of February, 1904, to Miss Dora Fadler, the daughter of John F. and Mary (Saur) Fadler, and they now have one child, Dorothy. He belongs to the United Brethren church and is a member of the Knights of Pythias. When Mr. Michael entered the matrimonial state the second time, his bride was Miss Mary Rauch, the daughter of Peter and Anna (Bowen) Rauch. The marriage was celebrated on the 7th of December, 1876, and has been blessed with three children; Jesse, who married Mary Francis; George Oscar, who married Jennie Lawrence and is the father of a son, George L.; and Albert, who married Laura Wolpers.

Mr. Michael is a consistent member of the United Brethren church and is at present a trustee of the congregation. In the many years that have been allotted to him he has proved his right to the high regard in which he is held among those who have come in contact with him and to the good fortune that attended the period of his activity.

AARON E. SLOUGH.

Aaron E. Slough, a successful farmer of Miami township, Montgomery county, has the reputation of being one of the best tobacco raisers in his county. He lives upon and works the land of Mrs. John Treon, of Miamisburg, which he has advanced to a high degree of productiveness. He was born May 31, 1854, the son of Christopher and Susan (Swar) Slough. The former, who has been dead four years, was born and reared in Springfield, Ohio, his parents having come to this state from Pennsylvania. Following in his father's footsteps he took up the work of a farmer, in which he was very successful, and when he came to this county he became one of its most respected agriculturists. Our subject is a descendant of Colonel Mathias Slough, who was the first colonel appointed by General Washington when he became commander-in-chief of the Continental Army during the Revolutionary war.

Aaron E. Slough was reared at home under the guidance of wise parents and received his education in the common schools here, so that Miami township can claim full credit for the lessons taught and experiences gained which made possible his advancement in his line of work. On the 15th of January, 1876, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Slough and Miss Catherine G. Mount, the daughter of John and Hannah (Vandever) Mount, who were very prominent in farming circles in this county. For only a little over nine years were the couple permitted to traverse together life's road, for Mrs. Slough was taken from this world October 31, 1885. She had borne a family of five children, four of whom are living useful lives. They were: May, the wife of Clayton Small and the mother of Delphine and Nellie;

Susie, the wife of Milton West and the mother of two daughters, Helen G. and Grace; Emma, who married J. M. Robinson; Bert E., deceased; and Walter Roy, who married Miss C. Eckhart, who has borne him a son, Bert.

Although so much of his time is given to the cares of the farm, Mr. Slough still finds hours to spend in the company of his fraternal brothers of the Knights of Pythias, to whom he is ever most loyal and in whose welfare he is ever most interested. His allegiance in religious matters is given to the Presbyterian church, and he takes an active part in all its affairs. He is the owner of a bible which has been in the Slough family for two hundred and fifty years. Many are the friends he has made in this county, and all who know him can speak highly of his industry, thrift and good principles.

HENRY W. KAISER.

Henry W. Kaiser is numbered among the capable men who constitute the board of review in Dayton. Throughout the period of his connection with public service his record has won the approval of all citizens who have the good of the community at heart for at all times his official duties have been discharged with promptness and fidelity for with him the welfare of the community and advancement of general progress are placed before partisanship or personal aggrandizement. He started upon life's journey in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 21, 1850. He is of German lineage and was educated in both German and English while pursuing his course in the public schools. He remained a resident of Cincinnati to the age of twenty-five years and after putting aside his text-books he devoted some years to learning and following the trade of saddle covering.

On the 1st of November, 1875, Mr. Kaiser arrived in Dayton, coming to this city as city agent for the Fleischmann Yeast Company, which he thus represented for thirty-two years and two months or until 1907. This fact stands in incontrovertible evidence of ability and fidelity. No higher testimonial of his loyalty and capable service could be given. In the meantime he had become somewhat active in political circles, being first called to office in 1893 when he was elected a commissioner of Montgomery county for a term of three years. He filled that office so satisfactorily that the public expressed its endorsement in his reelection and he remained in office for six years and eight months, owing to an extension of the term through a process of law. In 1907 he was elected a member of the Dayton board of review and is now acting in that capacity. His interest in the general welfare and his desire for continued progress in all matters of citizenship make him one of the most reliable officials of the city.

On the 17th of September, 1874, in Cincinnati, Mr. Kaiser was married to Miss Emma Rheinhardt, who was born in that city October 17, 1855, and was a daughter of Frederick Rheinhardt. Three children were born of this marriage: Harry F., Maude N. and J. Edward. The wife and mother died December 22, 1895, and her loss was deeply mourned by many who appreciated and enjoyed her friendship.

Mr. Kaiser is a member of St. John's German Evangelical Lutheran church and is well known in various fraternal relations, belonging to the Masonic lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the Maccabees, the Ancient Order of United Workmen, in which he has been honored with high office, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and Garfield Club. He has long maintained an unassailable reputation as a business man and his official record is in harmony therewith.

JOHN L. CARTER, M. D.

Dr. John L. Carter, a young physician of West Carrollton, was born in the town of Sabina, Clinton county, Ohio, in the year 1872. He is the son of Joseph and Margaret (Hall) Carter, who were numbered among the prominent farmers of that county. His grandfather, John Carter, established the family in this part of the country. He was the son of Irish parents, who when they came to America took up their abode in North Carolina. From there John Carter came as a young man to Ohio and took up a considerable tract of land in Clinton county, which has since been known as the Carter homestead. He married Miss Anna Millikin, who was the mother of Joseph Carter. Like his father the latter was a farmer and an owner of land. He lived upon the home place, on which he had been born, until he put aside the active cares of life, and retired to Sabina, Ohio, where he died on the 27th of November, 1904, and lies buried. Two children were granted to him and his devoted wife: Harvey H. and John L., both of whom survive. He was a man of prominence in the concerns of the locality in which he lived and for many years he was a pike contractor.

John L. Carter received his early education in the common schools of Clinton county. He soon decided upon medicine as the profession to which he would devote himself and pursued his school work with that end in view. He prepared first for the medical school in Sabina, and from there went to the Ohio Medical College, entering in 1892. Three years later he received his physician's degree and started upon the practice of his profession. For two years he practiced at Selma, Ohio, and then came to West Carrollton, which has been his home and the scene of his labors ever since. He was physician for the Friend Paper Company ten years, and also surgeon for the Cincinnati Northern Traction Company.

In 1895 Dr. Carter was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Jessie Watt, the daughter of John and Refayma Watt, of Welleston, Ohio, where the father was furnace superintendent for one of the companies that the town supports. But one child has been born to Dr. and Mrs. Carter, a daughter, Winnifred, who is of school age.

As a member of the Ohio State Medical Association and the national society, besides the association formed by the physicians of the county, Dr. Carter keeps abreast of the times in his profession and assists in promoting its interests. His professional duties require the greater share of his time, yet he is not infrequently present at the meeting of the several lodges, to which he gives his fraternal support and in whose interests he is a zealous worker. The West Carrollton Lodge, No. 826, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows numbers him among its members,

and he is a Scottish Rite Mason. In the twelve years that Dr. Carter has ministered to the physical needs of the people of West Carrollton he has built up a practice of considerable size, and a reputation which is the result of his devotion to his profession and the welfare of his patients. As a physician his opinion is held in regard, and as a man and friend he is respected and admired.

HOWARD R. KLEPINGER.

Howard R. Klepinger, county surveyor of Montgomery county, was born in Madison township, this county, May 25, 1883, and was reared amid rural surroundings, working in the fields through the summer months, while the winter season was devoted to the acquirement of an education. He graduated from the high school of his native township at the age of fifteen years, but ambitious to secure a more advanced education he pursued a preparatory course in a school at North Manchester, Indiana, and later entered the Ohio Northern University, at Ada, Ohio, there pursuing an engineering course, from which he was graduated in 1900 with the degree of civil engineer. His life has since been devoted to the practice of his profession, which he began in Dayton immediately following his graduation. He has been accorded a gratifying patronage and won public recognition of his ability in his election to the office of county surveyor, in November, 1906. He has made a very creditable record for one of his years and his ability argues well for substantial advance in the future. Aside from his profession he is to some extent connected with business interests, being vice president and director of the Montgomery County Building & Loan Association.

Mr. Klepinger is interested in all that pertains to the welfare and progress of the community and cooperates in all movements and measures for the city's welfare that are instituted by the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is a member. In fraternal lines he is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the Masonic fraternity, in which he has taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he is one of the active workers in its ranks, belonging to the Garfield Club and otherwise promoting its interests as far as lies within his power. He fears not that laborious attention to detail so necessary to success and in all that he does is actuated by a laudable ambition to perform his duties in such a way as will promote his business interests in both volume and importance.

GEORGE W. MILLER.

George W. Miller, a most enterprising and prosperous agriculturist of Jackson township, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Montgomery county, his birth having occurred in Madison township on the 29th of February, 1864. His parents, the Rev. George and Catherine (Wampler) Miller, celebrated their

marriage in 1853, the ceremony taking place in the vicinity of Dayton, Ohio. The paternal grandparents were Benjamin and Elizabeth (Bowser) Miller, while the mother of our subject was a daughter of Philip and Catherine (Royer) Wampler. George W. Miller, of this review, is one of a family of ten children, the others being as follows: Benjamin, Philip, Anna, William, Edward, Jesse, Ira, Ezra and Lizzie.

On the 15th of February, 1891, George W. Miller was married to Miss Carrie Calhoun, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Elizabeth (Kuns) Calhoun, of Madison township. By this union there are three children, namely: Edith, born in 1893; Hugh, whose birth occurred in 1894; and Russell, who was born in 1898.

Throughout his entire business career Mr. Miller has been identified with the pursuit of general farming and by reason of his untiring industry and unremitting energy has gained a measure of success that entitles him to recognition among the most substantial, progressive and representative citizens of the community. He has an extensive circle of warm friends in the county where he has always resided, for the principles that have actuated his life have been such as to win for him the highest esteem and good will of his fellow townsmen.

ERIE J. WEAVER.

While his experience in length of years is by no means equal to that of many members of the Dayton bar, Erie J. Weaver has already attained a reputation in the courts of law which many an older member of the profession might well envy, and is making continuous advancement so that his associates feel no hesitancy in prophesying for him a successful future in which he will reach a foremost place as a representative of the legal fraternity in this city. He was born near Brookville, Montgomery county, January 17, 1872, and pursuing his education through successive grades of the public school was graduated from the high school with the class of 1891. His more specifically literary course was pursued in Wittenberg College at Springfield, Ohio, of which he is an alumnus of 1895. Determining upon the practice of law as a life work he began reading in the office and under the direction of Carr, Allaman & Kennedy, of Dayton, and later entered the Cincinnati Law School from which he was graduated in 1897. Returning to this city he entered upon practice here, first in connection with the firm in whose office he had read law, but since January, 1908, by himself. His understanding of legal principles is comprehensive, his application usually correct, while in argument he is clear and cogent and in his reasoning sound and logical. He won the oratorical prize in the Cincinnati Law School in 1897 and his gift of oratory is one of the salient features in his successful law work, enabling him always to hold the attention of court or jury as he presents his side of any litigated cause.

Mr. Weaver is well known as an active and influential member of the democratic party and does all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of democracy. He has served as secretary of the Democratic City Central Com-

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mittee, and has twice, in 1897 and again in 1901, been the candidate of his party for the state legislature.

In September, 1902, in Dayton, Mr. Weaver was united in marriage to Miss Ida M. Brandt and they have two daughters, Louise E. and Alice M. Mr. Weaver belongs to the Alpha Tau Omega, is a member of the board of directors of Wittenberg College, his religious faith is indicated in his membership in the First English Lutheran church and his interest in public welfare is manifest in his active cooperation in many movements for the general good.

JOHN GLASER.

John Glaser, a prominent farmer of Wayne township, Montgomery county, lives upon the one hundred and ninety acres of land he owns in this township, just off the Brandt pike and half way between that thoroughfare and the Troy pike, and about six miles northeast of Dayton. He was born in Mad River township January 21, 1852, and is the son of Anton and Catherine (Hotop) Glaser. Anton Glaser was the first of his family to come to this country from Germany. He was but a young man when he came here and located first in Wayne township. He had learned his trade as a butcher, as well as having received his education in the land of his birth. For a time after coming here he followed his trade and then took up farming. From the day that he set foot upon the soil of this continent, he was dependent upon his own efforts alone for his success in life. By his own exertion he amassed a considerable fortune and when he died was accounted a man of means for that period. He was the father of nine children. The three eldest, Joseph, Anton and Francis, have passed away. The others, Mary, John, Louise, Catharine and Emma, are all living in or near this county. Franklin, the eighth of the family, however, lives in Greene county. The mother's parents came here from Germany and were prominent farmers.

John Glaser has always lived in this section of the state, but he received his education for the most part in Greene county. He went first to the union school in Booth township, then to Dayton, and subsequently to Trinity. In Greene county he completed his education. Early in his life he devoted himself to that phase of life which was to be his vocation in after years—farming. In this he has been very successful and a few years ago he commenced raising and selling live stock. Though the latter is at present scarcely more than an initial venture, through the care Mr. Glaser has given to it, it promises to reward his efforts as well as the general farming which has been his life work. To many of the people of the city of Dayton, Mr. Glaser is well and favorably known, for he takes his produce to that city to be marketed.

On the 15th of October, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Glaser and Miss Emma Naudascher, the daughter of August and Elizabeth (Knier) Naudascher, who were residents of Dayton, where Mr. Naudascher was a merchant. Five children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Glaser. Grace, the eldest, is the wife of John Keechle, who is at present the manager of Mr. Glaser's farm, and they have two children, Luella E. and John R. Minnie has finished her school

course and lives at home. Esther is the wife of Orien Kline, a farmer of Clark county. Carl married Miss Bessie Shoup, who has borne him a son, Marvin C. Edna, the youngest of the family, is through school and lives at home. The family are members of the church of the Holy Rosary, north of Dayton, and are prominent in all of its work.

Besides being a successful farmer, Mr. Glaser is a man prominent in public affairs, who has been tried through many years of service. Twenty years ago he was elected to the office of township treasurer and has held the position ever since, fulfilling his duties to the entire satisfaction of his constituents and his fellow townspeople. In all his dealings he has been found to be a man of sterling integrity, as those who have had dealings with him in the city of Dayton can also testify and has ever evinced a commendable spirit in the service of the public.

ALBERT SITTEL WEUSTHOFF.

Albert Sittel Weusthoff, treasurer of the Young Men's Christian Association and general bookkeeper of the Fourth National Bank, whose life interests are largely indicated in these connections, was born in 1858 in the city which is still his home. His father, George H. Sittel, was born in Alsfeld, Germany, in 1815, and grew to manhood in that country, being married in Darmstadt on the 15th of November, 1846, to Miss Anna Thomas, whose birth occurred in Worms, Germany, in 1812. On the 4th of September, 1847, they came to the United States and after residing in Cincinnati for a short time removed to Dayton, where the father died August 10, 1862. The mother was again married in this city on the 16th of December, 1863, becoming the wife of William W. Weusthoff, who was also a native of Germany, born in Braunschweig, May 14, 1820. He emigrated to the new world October 4, 1849, and also made his home in Cincinnati for a short time, but in 1851 came to Dayton, where he was engaged in the drug business for many years. On the 30th of January, 1875, our subject was legally adopted by his stepfather and his name changed to that of Weusthoff, as were the other members of the family. There were five children born to Mr. and Mrs. Sittel, namely: Louis, deceased; Fanny, a resident of Dayton; Otto, deceased; Albert, of this review; and Hugo, of New York.

The youthful days of Albert Sittel Weusthoff were passed in Dayton and the public schools afforded him his early educational privileges, which were supplemented by a course in Miami Commercial College of Dayton, from which he was graduated with the class of 1870. Having thus qualified for a commercial career he entered the dry-goods store of Rike, Hassler & Company in the capacity of clerk, remaining for seven years, a fact which indicates his loyalty to the house and his thorough reliability in that connection. On the expiration of that period he became identified with banking interests, spending one year as bookkeeper in the Dayton Savings Bank, after which he entered the Winters National Bank in the capacity of bookkeeper, continuing with that institution for a quarter of a century. In 1905 he went to the Fourth National Bank as general bookkeeper and has since been identified with that institution. His long connection with the

banking interests of the city stands as indisputable evidence of certain facts in his career—his accuracy, carefully systematized labors and unequivocal loyalty to the corporation which he represents.

In 1885 in this city Mr. Weusthoff was married to Miss Sarah Elizabeth LaRose, a daughter of Louis LaRose, now deceased, and they have two children, Frances and Samuel LaRose. Mrs. Weusthoff was one of a family of five children, the others being: Helen B., the wife of Eugene Wuichet, of Dayton; Samuel L., also a resident of Dayton; Mary H., the wife of Frank Wuichet; and William H., deceased.

Mr. Weusthoff is a republican in his political views, interested in the growth and success of the party because he believes that it contains the best elements of good government. Regarding his religious obligations as a foremost and never as a secondary consideration in his life, he has long been an active worker in the First Lutheran church, in which he was deacon for sixteen years and is now an elder. For at least fifteen years he has also been closely associated officially with the interests of the Young Men's Christian Association, in which he has continuously held and is still holding the office of treasurer. His life has at all times been guided by high and honorable principles, commending him to the confidence, trust and good will of his fellowmen, and no citizen of Dayton is more thoroughly respected than he.

ANTON AMANN.

Anton Amann is numbered among the young men of foreign birth who have sought the freedom and appreciation of this great and growing western country, realizing that its business opportunities are superior to those offered in the older countries of Europe. He has never had occasion to regret his determination to come to the new world, for in Dayton he has found a fruitful field of labor and is conducting a successful insurance business.

He was born in Austria, January 25, 1870, and was there reared and educated, coming to America in July, 1890. He was induced to make Dayton his destinaiton, from the fact that he had relatives living in this city. When he arrived here he entered the employ of Philip A. Kemper, conducting a wholesale devotional store. There he remained for nine and a half years, proving his worth in a business way by his fidelity, enterprise and unfaltering activity. He next became connected with the Volks-Zeitung as city editor, his connection with the paper covering six years. On the expiration of that period he established a general insurance agency and has since carried on business in that field.

Mr. Amann was married in Europe in 1890, to Miss Anna Duerst, and they have two children, Marie A. and Hans. Mr. Amann is a democrat, and while he exercises a quiet influence for the party he is not active as a campaign worker, nor does he seek office as a reward for party fealty, though he is now serving as notary public. He belongs to the Holy Trinity church and assisted in the organization of the League of German-American Societies of Montgomery county. He was made its secretary and so served for thirteen years, or until 1906. He is

now an honorary life member of that organization. He is also state secretary of the Central Ohio Saenger Bezirk. He is always interested in his fellow countrymen who seek, as he did, a home in the new world and has been quick to assist those who have made their way across the Atlantic and have become factors in the business life of Dayton.

ANDREW J. KREHBIEL, M. D.

Dr. Andrew J. Krehbiel, engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery in Dayton, was born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 12, 1850, and there remained to about the age of fifteen years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Cincinnati, Ohio. His education, begun in the schools of Cleveland, was continued in Cincinnati to the age of seventeen years, when he entered Dr. Bigler's office to take up the study of medicine. He supplemented his preliminary reading by a course in the Cleveland Homeopathic College, from which he was graduated in the class of 1871 and then located in Cincinnati where he remained for two years. On the expiration of that period he removed to Pomeroy, Ohio, where he resided until 1880 and then went to Des Moines, Iowa, where he continued for a year and a half. On the expiration of that period he returned to Cincinnati and soon afterward purchased a drug store at Mount Healthy, conducting business there for a year and a half.

Since 1885 Dr. Krehbiel has been a resident of Dayton and for twenty-two years he was proprietor of a drug store here but in 1907 resumed the regular practice of medicine and is now giving his undivided attention to the profession. His knowledge of the drug trade and of the component parts and properties of all drugs in their relation to the human system constitute an important element in his successful work in his present field of labor.

In 1870 in Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Krehbiel was married to Miss Louisa A. Kiefer, who died in Dayton in 1904, leaving three children: Charles J., Arthur A. and Frank W. Dr. Krehbiel has been a close student of the signs of the times, of the leading issues of political, economic and sociological problems of the day and as the result of his investigations is a socialist. His opinions are based upon comprehensive knowledge, whether in relation to the political situation or to any other phase of general interest and his support is always given on the side of reform, progress and improvement.

ELMER E. GANSTER.

Elmer E. Ganster, a highly respected business man of Dayton, now senior partner in the Ganster-Keller Coal Company, was born in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, in 1868. His youthful days were there passed to the age of nineteen years, during which time he attended the public schools, passing through consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1894. He afterward went

to Wilmington, Delaware, where he secured a situation in the Pullman shops, remaining there for one year. He next removed to Richmond, Virginia, to take charge of the shops of the Richmond & Danville Railroad, continuing in that position for a year, after which he came to Dayton in 1889 and for a year was employed in the Barney & Smith Car Works. He next entered the employ of the Mathias Lumber Company in Dayton and his ability won his promotion from time to time, his responsibilities being continually increased until he was made superintendent of the yard. On leaving the company after seven years' association therewith he embarked in business on his own account in 1898, turning his attention to the coal trade, in which he has since operated. Desirous of success he established his business upon a firm foundation of commercial integrity, unabating energy and unfaltering perseverance. Gradually the trade extended to substantial proportions and in October, 1905, the Ganster-Keller Coal Company was incorporated.

On the 10th of April, 1890, Mr. Ganster was united in marriage in Dayton, Ohio, to Miss Katie R. Peters and they have a son and daughter: Carl W. and Florence L. Mr. Ganster belongs to the Masonic fraternity, to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and to the Modern Woodmen of America. His membership relations also extend to the Methodist Episcopal church, which finds him a worthy representative in that he regards religion not only as a matter of Sabbath observance but as a rule for daily conduct. His political support is given to the republican party for he has made a close study of its principles, which he regards as the basis for sound and progressive government. Matters of municipal interest awaken his attention and he gives his support to all those things which are a matter of civic virtue and civic pride.

ALEXANDER M. PECK.

Alexander M. Peck, who is known in Germantown and vicinity as a farmer and the sales agent for farm implements, was born in German township, Montgomery county, on the 14th of September, 1848, a son of James and Phebe (Sneathen) Peck. The former came to Ohio from North Carolina, where he had learned and followed the distilling business, and for a considerable period after coming here operated a still.

Alexander M. Peck grew to manhood at home and early became identified with the work of a farm, choosing it when choice was necessary as his vocation in life. For his education and preparation in life he was dependent upon the schools of the locality and the guidance which his parents could give as the result of their love and experience. It was but two days after he had attained his majority, on the 16th of September, 1869, that Mr. Peck took to himself the responsibilities of a wife and a home of his own, for on that day he was united in marriage to Sarah Smutz, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Smutz. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Peck: Frank, Hattie, Wilber, Alfred, Lonnie, Wesley and George. The family are members of the Reformed church, at the services of which they are regular attendants and with whose work they are closely identified.

Besides his church interests and the work which consumes the hours of the day, Mr. Peck finds time for the many meetings of the local lodges of the Masons and Odd Fellows. In both of these he is known as a man sincerely concerned for the welfare of his fraternal brothers and ever willing to exert himself in their behalf. Several years ago Mr. Peck saw an opportunity to increase his usefulness and his own means of revenue by becoming a salesman for a farm implement concern. In this phase of business, as in the pursuit of actual agriculture he has been very successful, for he is a man of principle, one who never shuns hard or difficult labor. He has in consequence the good will and respect of those who are his neighbors and his customers.

GILBERT CONOVER.

Gilbert Conover, who for the past eight years has capably served as trustee of Madison township, is the owner of a valuable farm of forty acres situated on the east side of the old Liberty road, about two miles south of Trotwood. His birth occurred in Madison township, Montgomery county, on the 4th of August, 1860, his parents being William and Susan (Landis) Conover. Gilbert Conover, the paternal grandfather, spent his entire life in Pennsylvania, his wife passing away in that state in early womanhood. William Conover, the father of our subject, was married in Montgomery county, coming here as a young man from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. His family numbered five children, namely: Mary, Lydia, Gilbert, Ella and Abraham.

On the home farm in this county Gilbert Conover spent the days of his boyhood and youth, dividing his time between the acquirement of an education in the schools of Madison township and the labor required of an orphan boy. At different times he has been engaged in carpentering and in the sawmill business, while for seven years he conducted a dairy, finding a ready sale for his products in Dayton. His attention is now given to general farming interests and in all of his undertakings he has met with that measure of prosperity which is ever the reward of earnest, persistent labor when guided by sound judgment and keen discrimination.

On the 6th of November, 1879, Mr. Conover was united in marriage to Miss Ida Bell Stebleton, a daughter of Jesse and Lydia (Rike) Stebleton. The father, an agriculturist by occupation, came here from Berks county, Pennsylvania, while the mother, a daughter of Adam Rike, is a representative of an old and well known family of Montgomery county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Conover have been born seven children, as follows: Bertha, the wife of Henry Urmey, by whom she has two children, Jesse and Perry; Elzina, who is the wife of Daniel Keeney and has two children, John and Clarence; Jesse, who wedded Miss Bertha Miller and has two children, Gilbert and Thelma; John, who is deceased; Norman, who is a graduate of the Trotwood high school and is now preparing to teach; Abraham, who has also passed away; and Ida, who is attending school.

In his political views Mr. Conover is a stalwart democrat and on that ticket was elected township trustee, in which position he has now served faithfully and efficiently for eight years. He and his family belong to the conservative branch

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of the Dunkard church, in the work of which they are actively and helpfully interested. Always a resident of this county, the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time is an indication of an honorable, upright career.

PHILIP E. GILBERT.

Philip E. Gilbert, president of the Miami Building & Loan Association and one whose identification with building interests of the city has been of substantial benefit to Dayton, has given practical demonstration in his life of the power of intelligently directed industry and perseverance. His success has been sought and won along those lines and at the same time he has gained the honor and respect which the world instinctively pays to the man who has acted well his part in every relation of life.

Mr. Gilbert is a native of Butler county, Ohio, born in Miltonville, November 21, 1845. His father was a native of Maryland and the mother of Pennsylvania, and in 1848 a removal was made by the family from Butler county to Miamisburg, Montgomery county, where in the public and select schools Philip Gilbert pursued his education to the age of thirteen years. As he entered upon his teens he simultaneously entered the field of business activity, serving a five years' apprenticeship at the carpenter's trade in the intervals of vacation while pursuing his studies in the public schools. At the conclusion of his apprenticeship, in 1864, he responded to the country's call for aid and although but eighteen years of age joined Company D, One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio National Guard, serving under the command of Colonel John G. Lowe until mustered out at the expiration of his term of enlistment.

Mr. Gilbert became a resident of West Sonora, Preble county, Ohio, in 1865, and there engaged in carpentry and in the operation of a sawmill for several years. He met with considerable success there, but in the spring of 1868 he determined to seek a broader field of labor and removed to Dayton. He had been here for but a brief period when he formed the acquaintance of William P. Huffman, who proved to him a most sincere friend. It was through the assistance of Mr. Huffman that Mr. Gilbert was enabled to engage in contracting and building, in which line he continued for many years, although he extended the scope of his activities in the meantime to include the manufacture of builders' supplies. Gradually he worked his way upward and something of the success which he enjoyed is indicated in the fact that he began the season of 1878 with one hundred and twenty-five contracts to build houses and at the close of the season had erected one hundred and sixty-five. Many large and substantial structures of Dayton stand as monuments to his ability and business enterprise. He was the builder of the ninth district school house, the Sacred Heart church, the Central Baptist church, the Fourth National Bank, the Olmer Canby block, the Barney block on Third and Wayne streets, the Barney blocks on Fifth street, many fine residences and many of the largest manufacturing plants in the city, including those of the Davis Sewing Machine Company, the Zwick & Greenwald Wheel Company, the Dayton

Manufacturing Company, the Woodhull Carriage Company, the Dayton Last Company, the Crume & Sefton building and the Dayton Spice Mills. His identification with business operations led logically to his connection with building and loan interests and for eleven years he was the vice president of the Miami Building & Loan Association, of which he was one of the organizers in 1886. At the end of that time he was chosen to the presidency and so continues to this time—in the fall of 1909.

While residing in West Sonora, Ohio, Mr. Gilbert was married on the 14th of June, 1886, to Miss Mary Ann Scharf, of Franklin, Warren county. They have become the parents of ten children, of whom the following survive: Erminie P., now the wife of Ira Crawford; Florence E., the wife of J. Frank Kiefaver; William P.; Edwin D.; and Helen E. Another daughter, Hattie B., was married in Dayton to Edwin D. Kirby and died six months later in the 27th year of her age.

Mr. Gilbert is well known in fraternal circles. He is one of the oldest Knights of Pythias in Dayton, belonging to the Iola Lodge. He is also a York and Scottish Rite Mason and belongs likewise to Old Guard Post, G. A. R. His membership relations also extend to the Dayton Club and the Garfield Club, of which he is a charter member, and he is a devoted member of the Linden Avenue Baptist church, in the work of which he is very interested, serving as superintendent of the Sunday school for eleven years and taking an active part in other lines of its activities. He served two terms on the board of education and in 1892 was appointed by the tax commission a member of the board of public affairs for a term of four years, in which position he served so acceptably that he was reappointed by Mayor C. G. McMillen for another term of four years. In all of his life he has had no untried standards but has sought his advancement in paths of industry and honor, with the result that while he attained success he has also made for himself an untarnished record.

WEBB T. EBY.

The spirit of modern progress is exemplified in the life and business career of Webb T. Eby, a jeweler of Dayton, who was born in this city, December 27, 1872. Under the parental roof he was reared and in the public schools he acquired his education, there pursuing his studies to the age of eighteen. He entered business life as a clerk in a grocery store and was employed in that capacity for two years. In 1893 he went upon the road for the National Cash Register as a salesman in the Carolinas and was so employed for a year, after which he became connected with the staff of the Farmers Home, a weekly paper.

Another year was passed in that manner, at the end of which time he entered the jewelry store of Aman & Company to learn the business. He continued there for twelve years and though he started out at the meager salary of four dollars per week the ability which he displayed in mastering the business and in handling the interests entrusted to his care won him promotion from time to time until he eventually became manager. In 1907 he started in the jewelry business for him-

self and has continued therein to the present. He has a very attractive store, carrying a fine line of artistic goods, and he also makes a specialty of diamonds and watches. He has personally made a careful and scientific study of these precious stones in the country's largest diamond cutting institutions so that he brings expert knowledge to bear upon all purchases which he makes. He has a manufacturing plant in connection with his business, for handling special order work and repairing of all kinds.

On the 26th of January, 1898, Mr. Eby was married in Dayton to Miss Maude E. McQuality, a daughter of John W. McQuality, of Edgemont. They attend and hold membership in the United Brethren church and both are well known socially, having many friends in the city, where Mr. Eby has also won for himself an enviable and gratifying position in commercial circles, and among the manufacturing jewelers of the east. In 1908 the Dayton Jewelers' Association was formed, Mr. Eby being elected vice president.

CHARLES C. STEBBINS.

Charles C. Stebbins, successfully engaged in farming in Montgomery county, is one of Ohio's native sons, his birth having occurred August 26, 1868, in Jefferson township, this county. He is a son of John H. and Sarah (Keen) Stebbins, and is a grandson of Levi and Susannah (Hire) Stebbins. His grandfather came to Ohio from New Jersey and his father was born in Jefferson township, Montgomery county, October 4, 1835. His mother was born in the same township, on the 21st of December, 1837. In their family were the following children: Katy M., Susan Alice, George K., Charles C., Howard, Edward H. and Jacob.

Reared amid the scenes and environment of rural life, Charles C. Stebbins acquired his early training in the common schools of Jefferson township, during which time he also assisted his father on the home farm. He later attended the Ohio Normal University at Ada and subsequently became a graduate of Beck's Commercial College at Dayton. Thus well equipped he entered business life as a school teacher, following that profession for fourteen years in Van Buren, Harrison and Jefferson townships, during which time he proved a most competent instructor, not only imparting clearly and readily to others the information he had acquired but also gaining a reputation as an excellent disciplinarian. His labors in this profession were helpful factors in advancing educational interests in the various communities in which he resided. His recent years, however, have been devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which line of activity he is meeting with gratifying success. He owns seventy-six acres of good farm land in this township, to the cultivation and improvement of which he is devoting his entire time and attention and which in return yield rich annual harvests.

As a companion on life's journey Mr. Stebbins chose Miss Luella M. Shew, who was born September 4, 1876, a daughter of Charles M. and Ellinora (Zumbrun) Shew. The wedding occurred March 3, 1898, and unto this union were born three sons and one daughter: Mark Jacob, born in 1899; Roy E., born in 1900; Carl M., born in 1902; and Iva, born in 1907. The parents are members

of the Church of the Brethren, of which Mr. Stebbins is acting as a trustee, and he was likewise superintendent of the Sunday school. He is also a member of the Jefferson township board of education. Although the honors and emoluments of office have had no attraction for him, he is not, however, remiss in the duties of citizenship, but is deeply interested in all that pertains to the material, intellectual and moral development and upbuilding of the community. Having spent his entire life in this locality he has acquired an extensive acquaintance, and that he is most highly respected and esteemed by those who have known him since childhood is indicative of the fact that his life has at all times been actuated by high and honorable principles.

AUGUSTUS WALDO DRURY.

Augustus Waldo Drury was born near Pendleton, Madison county, Indiana, March 2, 1851. His parents were Morgan S. Drury and Elizabeth (Lambert) Drury, who were married February 22, 1849.

Morgan S. Drury was born in Henry county, Indiana, August 31, 1826. In 1854, he removed to Winnesheik county, Iowa, and settled on a farm near Castalia, entering some of his land from the government. The children born in Indiana were: Marion R., from 1881 to 1897 one of the editors of the Religious Telescope at Dayton, Ohio; Augustus W.; and Eva M., now living in California. Morgan S. Drury entered the ministry of the United Brethren church in 1855, in which, after 1859, he was actively employed until 1894. He died at Pasadena, California, November 1, 1902. He served as commissioner of his county in Iowa a number of years, was successful in farming and in business, gave largely to the work of education in his denomination, with which work he was officially connected for many years.

Mrs. Elizabeth Drury was born in Rockingham County, Virginia, June 19, 1826, and died in Pasadena, California, January 27, 1905. A maternal great-grandfather, Lewis Smith, was one of the first settlers of Augusta county, Virginia. While without the privileges of an education in the schools, she was characterized by strong intellectual traits and decided moral convictions. The Lamberts, representing her paternal lineage, as well as the Smiths, were of sturdy German stock.

The name Drury is of Norman-French origin. It was taken to England by Sir Robert Drury at the time of the Norman conquest. William, a descendant of Robert Drury, gave the name to Drury Lane in London, his city residence standing adjacent to the same. The name was first brought to America about 1640 by Hugh Drury, whose descendants are in various parts of the United States.

William Drury, from whom the subject of our sketch is descended, came from England about the time of the American Revolution and settled in Franklin county, Pennsylvania. About 1810, with a large family, he moved to Wayne county, Indiana, then on the frontier of settlement. A son, Arnold, was married to Selah Shortridge, who was of Welsh descent. Her family came from Ken-

tucky, where they were interrelated with the Boone family. After his marriage, Arnold Drury moved to Henry county, where the older children of the family were born, and later to Madison county, both in Indiana. In the latter county, Morgan S., son of Arnold, grew up and was married. Augustus W., is the son of Morgan S. Drury. In 1854, his father, with a small colony of his wife's people, removed with his family to the frontier of settlement in northern Iowa. John L., now living in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was the only one of five children born in Iowa who grew up to maturity. As the children grew up they attended the short terms of school then provided for. The sons were early set to work on the farm, the requirements soon leading them to give up the summer term of school.

In the fall of 1866, A. W. Drury, at the age of fifteen, was sent to Western College at Western, Iowa, now Leander Clark College at Toledo, Iowa, where he entered on the preparatory course. Six years later he graduated regularly in the classical course. In the time that he was pursuing his college course he taught school for three terms. On completing his course he was elected professor of the Latin and Greek languages in his alma mater. His health apparently being endangered, he resigned at the expiration of one year.

In 1873, he entered the ministry in Iowa conference of the church of the United Brethren in Christ and was assigned to a mission charge in Fayette county, Iowa. In this year several hundred persons were received by him into the church. The following year he entered Union Biblical Seminary, now Bonebrake Theological Seminary at Dayton, Ohio, from which institution he graduated three years later. While pursuing his theological course he served one year, 1875-76, as pastor of Summit Street United Brethren church. In 1886, he was a student in the summer semester in Berlin University. From 1877 until 1880 he was pastor at West Union, Iowa. In 1880 he was called to a position of instructor in Bonebrake Theological Seminary and soon afterward was made full professor, his department, until 1892, being church history. In the year last named he was transferred to the department of systematic theology, which place he still holds.

On September 6, 1876, he was married to Miss Sophia Bookwalter, daughter of Rev. I. L. Bookwalter, whose ancestors came from Switzerland. Her mother, born in England, was of Scotch descent, the family name being Johnston. Five children were born to A. W. and Sophia Drury: Luther E., Mabel, Horace B., Agnes and Ruth.

A. W. Drury was given the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1885. He is the author of "The Life of Philip William Otterbein," 1884; "The Life of Bishop J. J. Glossbrenner, D. D.," 1889; a chapter on the "Visible Church," a small volume on "Baptism," 1902; and a number of addresses and short treatises. Some of the latter are entitled "Faith and Knowledge," "The Roman Catholic Church —Our Proper Attitude Toward It" and "Ecclesiastical Constitution." He edited in a republished form the "Early Disciplines of the United Brethren Church" and translated from the German "Early Conference Minutes" of the United Brethren Church. For a short time he was one of the editors of the "United Brethren Review." From its organization in 1885 till the present time he has been the corresponding secretary of the United Brethren Historical Society. He

has been elected to various church boards, among them being the United Brethren Publishing Board. In 1895, he was elected a member of the board of education of the city of Dayton, being made by his fellow members president of the board for two successive years. For a number of years he has been a member of the board of directors of the Associated Charities of the city of Dayton.

While occupied directly with his work in the ministry and in teaching, Dr Drury has given attention to public conditions and interests in a more general way. Both within and outside of his professional labors, historical and philosophical subjects have claimed his attention. While allured somewhat by theory, his mind has a decidedly practical turn.

The religious influences that were transmitted to him came from various sources. The Smiths and the Lamberts of Virginia, at first Lutherans, early became followers of Rev. William Otterbein, the recognized founder of the United Brethren Church; the Shortridges early became zealous disciples of Alexander Campbell; and the Drurys were Friends, the Boones during a part of their history also being connected with that society. With Morgan S. Drury began a special trend toward education which in his branch of the family has been well maintained.

JACOB SEYBOLD.

Jacob Seybold, a prosperous and representative farmer of Mad River township, Montgomery county, was born in this county on the 1st of April, 1842, and is one of the oldest citizens of this township. He is a son of John and Jacobina (Fulmer) Seybold, the former a native of Germany, who came to the United States when about twenty-two years of age, settling in Montgomery county, Ohio. He devoted his entire life to farming and became one of the most prominent representatives of agricultural pursuits in Mad River township.

Jacob Seybold, whose name introduces this review, has passed his entire life in Montgomery county with the exception of one year, which was spent in traveling in Indiana. Passing his youthful days under his father's roof, he acquired his education in the common schools of the neighborhood and assisted in the work of the farm. Reared to agricultural life, he wisely chose that occupation as his life work. He now owns one hundred and eighty-five acres of fine farm land on the Brandt pike about four miles from the Dayton courthouse, the pike passing through and dividing the property. This farm, which has been highly cultivated and greatly improved, is recognized as one of the finest in Montgomery county. He is greatly interested in horse racing and has raised some very fine horses, at the present time having three in training, while he is a well known figure in racing circles in this county.

On the 23d of February, 1882, Mr. Seybold was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Null, who died April 26, 1894. He was again married, April 22, 1902, his second union being with Miss Martha Bertha Rosalie Roehr, who was born March 22, 1884, in Gerbstedt, province of Saxony (or Sachsen), Germany. She

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traces her ancestry back to Carl Roehr, who was born in 1815 in the beautiful summer resort owned by his father at Gerbstedt. At the age of fourteen years he began learning the stone-mason's and carpenter's trades and was graduated as an architect when in his twenty-fourth year. He continued in business along that line from 1839 until 1864, when his eldest son, Carl Roehr, Jr., succeeded him, and he spent the remainder of his life in retirement from active labor. He married Chrystal Michaels, who was born in the village of Halle-in-Sachsen, Germany, where her father owned and operated a mill until the war between France and Prussia in 1816, when he lost his property, and in 1814 moved to Gerbstedt. Ludwig Albert Roehr, the father of Mrs. Seybold, was born on the 7th of August, 1859, in Gerbstedt, Saxony, Germany, and received a good education, graduating from the normal school. At the age of fourteen he commenced learning the mechanic's trade, at which he worked until eighteen years of age, and then after attaining his majority served two years in the Magdeburger Yaeger Battalion, No. 4. In 1883 he established a machine shop in Gerbstedt, which he successfully conducted until 1891, but it has been his wish from boyhood to come to America, where he believed that better opportunities were afforded to those who have to make their own way in the world, but as this was against the wish of his cousins, he did not leave Germany until after the death of his mother. On the 14th of January, 1892, however, he started with his wife and four children on the long voyage to the United States. He reached Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 1st of February of that year and six days later began work in the Seybold Machine Factory of that city, where in a few months he rose to the position of foreman. When the company transferred their factory to Dayton in 1893 he removed his family to this city and continues in the position of foreman up to the present time though since 1895 he has made his home on a farm just south of Dayton, which has since been laid out in city lots. His wife, Mrs. Anna Bertha Rosalie Roehr, was born February 12, 1863, in Gerbstedt, Province of Saxony, Germany, and also received a normal school education. After graduating from that department she entered a school of cooking at Leipsic. It was on the 1st of July, 1883, that she gave her hand in marriage to Ludwig Albert Roehr. August Roehr, the grandfather of Mrs. Seybold, was born in 1834 and in his fourteenth year commenced learning the miller's trade, but afterward turned his attention to the buying and selling of grain. In 1869 he puchased a hotel, which he conducted until his death. In 1874 he was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Wagner in Gorenzen, near Mansfield. Her brother was an officer in the army and had charge of the post as director at Keil, Germany. August Roehr and his wife not only reared the eight children born to them but also two that were left orphans by the death of his sister, these being William and Ferdinand Duedloff. The former studied to be a forester and later became minister of forest culture in Austria by appointment of the government. Subsequently he received a similar appointment from the king of Bulgaria, which position he still holds. At the age of fourteen years his brother, Ferdinand Duedloff, went upon the sea and rose to the position of captain. In the meantime he took one trip around the world, being gone seven years. He received a pension and died in Berlin, Germany, in 1906. Mrs. Seybold was graduated from the normal school at Oakwood and at present is studying both vocal and instrumental music. At

the age of fifteen years she was confirmed in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church and is still a member of that denomination.

Mr. Seybold gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and served as supervisor for fifteen years. He is public-spirited in all matters of citizenship, giving loyal support to all measures that tend to further the material, political and intellectual progress of the community. Through the successful conduct of his various business interests he has attained a most gratifying degree of success and is now numbered among the substantial and representative citizens of Montgomery county.

JOHN McMAHON SPRIGG.

John McMahon Sprigg, who ranked among the ablest lawyers of Dayton and was prominently connected with the political and social interests of the city as well, was born on a farm in Allegany county, Maryland, on the 1st of January, 1841, his parents being Joseph and Jane Duncan (McMahon) Sprigg, who were likewise natives of Maryland. They retained their residence upon a farm until about 1851, when they took up their abode in Cumberland, the county seat of Allegany county, and there John McMahon Sprigg was afforded the privilege of attending a private school, known as the Charles Street Academy, wherein he pursued his studies until his seventeenth year. He then went to Baltimore to make his home with his uncle, John V. L. McMahon.

Following his removal to Baltimore, Mr. Sprigg remained a resident of that city until after the outbreak of the Civil war in 1861, when he went south and joined the Confederate army, enlisting in August of that year. He served with the southern forces until the close of hostilities in 1865 and participated in many of the great battles of the war, during which time he was twice wounded.

Mr. Sprigg established his home in Dayton in September, 1865. Like many others, he was left almost penniless by the fortunes of war and on coming to Ohio had to begin life empty-handed. He read law in the office of Houk & McMahon of Dayton and after thorough preliminary study was admitted to the bar in the district court at Hamilton, Ohio, in August, 1868. He at once entered upon the private practice of his profession and although advancement at the bar is proverbially slow he gradually worked his way upward, the nature of his legal interests becoming constantly of a more and more important character, while his clientage also showed a marked annual increase in its extent. In 1875 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Montgomery county and served with distinction in that office for four terms, covering a period of ten years in all. In other ways he was closely associated with the public interests of the city, acting as a member of the police board of Dayton for four years, while at all times he gave active cooperations, which he deemed essential to the public welfare.

In December, 1875, Mr. Sprigg was united in marriage to Miss Mary Flora Helfrich, of Dayton, and unto them were born two children: Helen Mary, who was born June 10, 1877, and died on the 28th of December, 1891; and Carroll,

who was born June 16, 1879, and was graduated from Yale University in 1901, while later he completed a course in Columbia University, and is now a member of the law firm of Fitzgerald & Sprigg. The wife and mother passed away in May, 1885, and Mr. Sprigg never remarried.

Carroll Sprigg was married June 14, 1906, in Dayton to Miss Charlotte Louise Brown, a daughter of Charles H. and Ada B. Brown. Unto them has been born a son, John McMahon Sprigg.

In addition to the practice of law Mr. Sprigg figured prominently in business circles as the secretary and treasurer of the Dayton Ice Manufacturing & Cold Storage Company, filling that position for many years. However, he regarded the practice of law as his real life work and ranked among the ablest criminal lawyers of the Montgomery county bar. As prosecuting attorney he gained the confidence of the law-abiding community and awakened the fear of evil-doers. His standard of professional ethics and practice was high and his knowledge of the law and of human nature was profound. In nearly forty years' continuous service at the bar he earned the confidence of the people, the regard of his fellow practitioners and the reward of diligence and conscientious devotion to his profession.

In his political views Mr. Sprigg was a stalwart democrat of the Andrew Jackson school and he was a deep student of civic problems and of questions of importance before the public, relative to the political, economic and sociological conditions of the country. He was a member of the Dayton Club and of the Antlers Club, and became a charter member of the Smizers, joining that society on its organization in 1884. Six years later he was elected its secretary and treasurer and in 1891 was honored with the presidency. In point of years he was the oldest member of the society. He became a charter member of the Montgomery County Bar Association, which at the time of his death met to take action relative thereto and passed a series of resolutions expressing the highest regard for Mr. Sprigg in both his personal and professional relations. He was also a trustee of the Dayton Law Library Association from 1881 until the time of his demise on the 26th of January, 1907, and when he lay seriously ill the board of trustees unanimously passed the following resolutions: "Resolved, That we note with very great regret the absence from our annual meeting of our long-time friend and associate on the board, Hon. John M. Sprigg, who is confined to his home by illness. We both miss his welcome and familiar presence and feel the loss of his valuable counsel and assistance, by which the library has profited for so many years. At this time when we are exchanging congratulations upon our well equipped library, our enlarged quarters and good financial condition, results which he has helped so efficiently to bring about, we especially regret that he is not with us to share the pleasure as he did the labor. We desire, through our secretary, to inform him of the passage of this resolution, and to assure him of our affectionate regard and esteem, our personal sympathy in his illness and our sincere wish that he may soon be restored to health."

Mr. Sprigg was a man whom to know was to respect and honor because of his fidelity to high ideals and the wise use which he made of his time and talents. That he was a singularly modest and unostentatious man is indicated by the fact that during his last illness he requested that no elaborate mention be

made of him in the newspapers. However, the consensus of public opinion accorded him prominence as a representative man of Dayton and one well worthy the fullest respect of his associates.

WEBSTER L. KLINE.

Webster L. Kline is engaged in the management of a fine farm of one hundred acres in Butler township, Montgomery county, which is owned by his father, Edward Kline, and while he devotes his attention to general agricultural pursuits he has made much more than a local reputation as a breeder and raiser of fine Duroc-Jersey hogs. He has always lived in this county, where he was born February 7, 1883. His grandfather, Henry Kline, was a native of Hamburg, Germany, born March 6, 1813. He came to the United States in 1820 and was married here to Mary Hosier, of Butler township. They reared a family of three children and continued residents of this part of the state until called to their final rest. The death of Henry Kline occurred February 20, 1896, while his wife passed away February 22, 1891, their remains being interred in the Poplar Hill cemetery. Their children were Jane, Belle and Edward, and Jane died February 3, 1909.

Edward Kline, the father of Webster L. Kline, was born August 15, 1853, at Chambersburg, in sight of the farm on which he now lives and to which he removed when fifteen years of age. His parents gave him the opportunity of attending the public schools through the period of his youth so that he acquired thereby a good practical English education. He afterward turned his attention to farming, taking up the vocation as a life work and continued actively in that department of labor until his retirement about six years ago. He has been very active in county and township work and is an influential citizen of the community, for it is generally recognized that when he endorses any movement it is such as will work for the best interests of the district at large. In 1879 he was united in marriage to Miss Sella Johnson, a daughter of Jesse and Belle Johnson. Her father was born in Butler township, Montgomery county, Ohio, while her mother was a native of Greenville, Ohio. She came to Dayton at an early age and here gave her hand in marriage to Jesse Johnson. For some years they lived upon a farm adjoining the Kline place but at length sold out and removed to Fidelity, Ohio, where they still reside. Mr. Johnson served for a time as postmaster of the town but is now living retired.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kline was blessed with two children, Jesse and Webster, the former born August 3, 1881. The latter was born February 7, 1883, and enjoyed the advantage of instruction in the schools of Chambersburg. He afterward pursued a commercial course in A. D. Wilt's Commercial College, at Dayton, in 1905-6, after which he returned to the farm and took charge of the property. He has since been busily employed in carrying on general agricultural interests and is today managing one hundred acres of fine farming land which responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it. He has made for himself an enviable reputation as a successful breeder

of Duroc-Jersey hogs and has hogs that are of the progeny of Rhine Chief and Queen II. Rhine Chief is one of the most famous male hogs in the entire country. Mr. Kline now raises and sells hogs for breeding purposes and expects to increase his business in the near future, making plans to give to it more of his time.

In local political circles Webster L. Kline is well known as an active democrat, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party. He attends the Christian church but his parents are members of the United Brethren church at Vandalia, Ohio.

His brother, Jesse Kline, was a pupil in the schools of Chambersburg and afterward went to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where he engaged in the loan business. After two years he returned to Dayton and became owner of the Buckeye Loan Company. He is now conducting the affairs of the Dayton Adjustment Company and is a very prominent and busy man of that city.

SIMON BRENNER.

Simon Brenner, an ex-senator and representative of Montgomery county is now living a life of retirement on his farm of forty-five acres on the Brandt pike in Wayne township. He comes from a family which has long been prominently connected with the affairs of this state and country. His paternal grandfather, Lewis Brenner, was of German descent and a native of Virginia, where he owned a plantation of six hundred acres and a large number of slaves. His son, Jacob Brenner, was also born in Virginia but came to this county as a boy with his father. At that time, in 1809, the only means of conveyance was a wagon, and the land which the older Brenner had selected, a tract of six hundred acres, had to be cleared before it was ready for a home or for farming. It was an arduous task and was not completed when Simon Brenner became old enough to assist, for he remembers well the part he took in the work of clearing. Jacob Brenner married Miss Sarah Mathes and had ten children, two of whom died in infancy.

Simon Brenner received his fundamental education in the schools of the county, going first to the old log school house. During all the time that he was fitting himself for life, however, he worked on the farm and gave his spare time to the reading of law and medicine. In both of these subjects he had advanced quite a little when he found it necessary to enter the world of business. For some thirteen years he traveled as the representative of a fruit tree firm and was successful in this line of work as he has been in whatever else he has undertaken. Upon retiring from this business he returned to the farm, its life and work and entered in the political arena of Montgomery county as well. He was a democrat in his party affiliations and soon made himself a power in the local councils of the party. He took an active interest in the welfare of the county and state and was elected a representative. After serving for two terms he was nominated and elected to the senate, securing a majority of eighteen hundred votes against one of the strongest candidates the opposition was able

to put up at that time. This was accounted a great achievement, and well it might be. Mr. Brenner served one term and then retired, and has since been enjoying the peace and comforts his active life entitled him to.

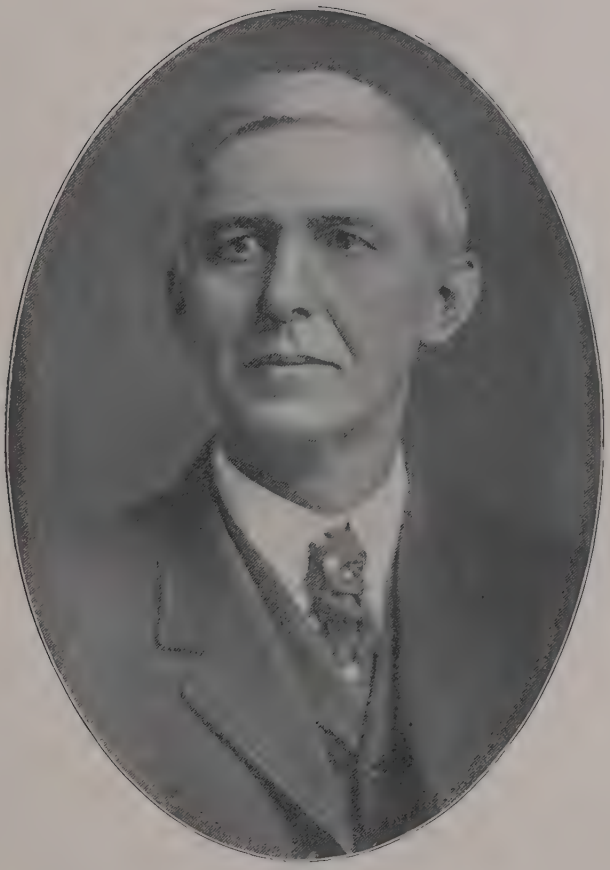
In March, 1870, Mr. Brenner was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Swan, the daughter of Frank Swan, a broker in New Jersey, and a member of a prominent family. Seven children have been born to the couple. Elizabeth is the wife of Harvard Good, a well known merchant near Lima. May W., married Dr. Bond, and is now the mother of two daughters, Mary and May. Albert, a farmer, married Edna Smith and they have two children, Mabel and Ray. Simon, Jr., is also a farmer and lives near his father. He married Miss Edna Ketlig. Lena Bell, the youngest of those living, is a school teacher in this county. The two other children died in infancy.

Mr. Brenner is a thorough farmer and a stock raiser on a small scale. During the winter months this part of his work receives a little more emphasis through his boarding and feeding some stock for others. He is also a man who exerts his best influence for the good of the community which he did not shrink from serving while he was in active life. It was regretted that he saw fit to retire from public life after his first term as senator, for the generous support that was accorded to him at the time of his election was but an indication of what he might expect should he rely upon the support of the county. This and the good will of the community he still retains in his quiet life.

EDWARD K. PARISH.

On the roster of Dayton's officials appears the name of Edward K. Parish, a member of the board of public service, who is equally well known in this city as a successful brick manufacturer and contractor, having for twenty-five years conducted a growing and profitable business in these lines. A native of the neighboring state of Indiana, he was born in Logansport in 1853 and there pursued his education in the public schools, continuing a resident of that city to the age of thirty years. In the meantime he learned the bricklayer's trade, displayed efficiency in his work and became a contracting builder. Seeking a broader field of labor, in 1883, he removed to Dayton where he has now made his home for a quarter of a century, during which period he has been closely associated with its building and manufacturing interests. He was a contracting brick-mason until 1901, when he withdrew from that field of activity to concentrate his energies upon the manufacture of brick. Throughout his entire life Mr. Parish has held to no false standards nor has he sought success by easy methods, being fully conscious of the fact that earnest, persistent labor is the only substantial basis upon which to build prosperity.

In 1883 was celebrated the marriage of Edward K. Parish and Miss Ella Paulus, who was born in Preble county, Ohio, and they have one daughter, Glennie, now the wife of Fred Johnson. Mr. Parish is a democrat in his political views, active in the work of the party, for he deems that the conditions of the country demand the adoption of its principles as a safeguard to general govern-



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mental interests. In November, 1907, he was elected a member of the board of public service and is giving excellent satisfaction by reason of the capable manner in which he discharges his duties. His fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Elks, and he enjoys the warm regard of his brethren of those organizations.

LEVI BAKER.

Levi Baker is a representative of one of the oldest families in Montgomery county and was born on the 9th of June, 1836, in Clay township within the corporation limits of Brookville, where he has always lived. He is a son of Benjamin and Frances (Niswonger) Baker, who came from Virginia in 1810 when the entire country was a wilderness. Large bands of Indians camped on the place which he took up and every evidence of pioneer life was to be seen. Not only did red men roam through the forests but the woods were also the haunts of many wild animals and through the forests in places there were only Indian trails. The father, however, turned his attention to general agricultural pursuits and for many years was well known as a successful farmer and grain merchant.

Levi Baker was reared on the old homestead and his memory forms a connecting link between the primitive past and the progressive present. He can relate many interesting incidents of the early days. His education was acquired in the public schools and at the age of twenty-six years he entered into active business relations with his father. They not only carried on farming and purchased grain but also had charge of the postoffice and had the agency of the Panhandle and Pennsylvania Railroad at this point, being the first agents of those lines. They likewise conducted a general store and were thus closely associated with diversified lines of activity that contributed to the improvement and general progress of the community. The business was conducted under the firm style of Baker & Son. After six years Levi Baker sold his interest, purchased a farm and in connection with the cultivation of his fields also carried on the grain business on his own account. His worth as a citizen and business man led to his selection for various positions of honor and trust. For thirteen years he was township assessor and for two terms was land appraiser. In 1883 he entered into business relations with D. C. Williamson as railroad and express agent under the firm style of Baker & Williamson and this connection was continued for about twenty years. Again Mr. Baker was called to public office, acting as county infirmary director for three years, as township treasurer for four years and as city treasurer for twenty-five years. He was also assistant postmaster and for six years filled the position of postmaster. In all of these offices he proved loyal, competent and faithful and his public record is one over which there falls no shadow of wrong or suspicion of evil.

Mr. Baker was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Gauger and unto them was born a daughter, Mary Ann, now deceased. For his second wife he chose Rebecca Koontz, and they had two children: Arlie L. and Edith L., who is now

the wife of Ira B. Miller, a butcher of Brookville. They have one child, Donald B.

As a further expression of the confidence reposed in Mr. Baker it may be cited that he has settled as assignee and administrator many of the estates in this part of the county and never with a loss of a single dollar to any. His name is associated with many events and business projects of the community. He put up the first tobacco warehouse in Brookville and for many years has bought tobacco for others averaging about one hundred thousand pounds annually for the last twelve years. He may well be termed the father of the tobacco industry in Brookville, which has been such an important source of revenue to the town. The village of Brookville has been built upon part of the old Baker farm and Mr. Baker has laid out two additions thereto. He enjoys the highest esteem of his neighbors and his friends are legion. He is often consulted upon matters relative to the history of this section of the state and seldom is his memory at fault concerning any matter that has left its impress upon the public life.

WELLINGTON C. SMITH.

Wellington C. Smith, attorney-at-law, practicing as a member of the firm of Van Deman, Burkhart & Smith at Dayton, was born in Lytle, Warren county, Ohio, July 15, 1874, and was one of the family of five children, three sons and two daughters, whose parents were Mr. and Mrs. Joel E. Smith. The father was born in Burlington, New Jersey, in 1833, and died July 11, 1907, in Warren county, Ohio, at the old home which he had so long occupied. He made a splendid record by his service as a soldier in the Civil war, becoming one of the boys in blue of Company B, One Hundred and Eightieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served for one year. He participated in the battle of Five Forks and in other engagements and joined General Sherman at Goldsboro, North Carolina, after which he continued northward with the Union troops to Washington, D. C., where he participated in the grand review which was the closing pageant of the war. At that time thousands of people lined the streets of the capital city and cheered the returning soldiers while across Pennsylvania avenue swung a banner bearing the words, "The only debt which our country cannot pay is the debt which she owes to her soldiers."

Wellington C. Smith spent his youthful days in his native town to the age of fifteen years when the family removed to Dayton. In 1891, however, his parents returned to their old home in Warren county. Mr. Smith of this review supplemented his early education by a high school course in Waynesville, Ohio, and then took his initial step in the business world as an employe of the Big Four Railroad Company, being employed by that line in the Union Depot at Dayton as telegraph operator from 1895 until 1898. Subsequently he entered a college preparatory school at Dayton, where he pursued his studies for a year that he might thus qualify for a more advanced course. In the meantime he had determined to make the practice of law his life work and to this end entered the law department of the Ohio State University, where he devoted three years to

study. He was then admitted to the bar June 13, 1901, and in 1902 entered the employ of the National Cash Register Company in the legal department, where he continued for three years. In 1905 he became assistant in the law office of Van Deman, Burkhart & Shea and a year later succeeded Mr. Shea as the third partner in the firm. He is thus now engaged in the practice of law, and, being devotedly attached to his profession, systematic and methodical in habit and conscientious in the discharge of every duty he is making a creditable record and steady progress as a member of the Dayton bar.

On the 31st of December, 1902, Mr. Smith was married in Springfield, Ohio, to Miss Gertrude Stephenson and they have one son, Everett Hale Smith. Mr. Smith gives his political allegiance to the republican party and as every true American citizen should do keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. Socially he is connected with the Tribe of Ben Hur and he belongs to the Reformed church. As the years have gone by and his acquaintance has grown the circle of his friends has also increased and substantial qualities of manhood, of citizenship and of legal ability promise well for his continued advancement in public regard and in his chosen field of labor.

ADAM SCHANTZ.

Adam Schantz, president of the Dayton Breweries Company, has, in his business career, displayed marked ability and enterprise in coordinating forces and carrying to successful completion large schemes of trade and profit. A native of this city, he was born December 16, 1867, and as the years have passed has come into important relations with the business affairs of Dayton, his activities in a large measure being of a character that contribute to general prosperity as well as to individual success. He pursued his studies in the Dayton schools to the age of twelve and for several years thereafter aided his father in the conduct of a meat market. He then became bookkeeper in the brewery of George Schantz & Company, where he remained until the 23d of June, 1887, when his father purchased the interest of George Schantz in the brewery and conducted the business under the name of the Riverside Brewery.

Adam Schantz of this review acted as manager for his father and so continued until the 1st of March, 1904, when this plant was merged with five other breweries in Dayton and the Dayton Breweries Company was formed with Adam Schantz as president, in which position he has since continued, thus becoming the head of one of the extensive industrial interests of the city. On his father's death he was made executor and trustee of the estate without bond and is now so acting. His resourceful energy and initiative spirit have led him into active connection with various business concerns. He is now president of the Buckeye Building & Loan Association and president of the Dayton Citizens Electric Company, president of the Dayton Street Railway Company, president of the Edgemont Realty Company, a director of the Teutonia Fire & Marine Insurance Company of Dayton, a director of the Gem City Realty Company and of the

Dayton Iron Stove Company. He is likewise president of the Ohio Brewers Association and president of the Ohio Brewers Vigilance Bureau.

On the 1st of January, 1901, in this city, Mr. Schantz was married to Miss Mary Eve Olt, a daughter of John Olt, and they have three children, Adam, Gertrude and John. Mr. Schantz belongs socially to the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, and the Golden Eagles, and is also a member of St. John's Lutheran church. He manifests keen insight and sound discrimination wherever he puts forth his activities and his intelligently directed effort has made him an important factor in the business ranks of his native city where his holdings and interests are extensive.

SILAS WOGOMAN.

Silas Wogoman, an agriculturist residing on section 15, Perry township, has served as justice of the peace of that township for a number of terms and is still the incumbent in the office. He was born in Perry township on the 30th of May, 1865, his parents being Joel M. and Rebecca (Emerick) Wogoman. The father, likewise a native of Perry township, Montgomery county, was born November 29, 1838, while the mother's birth occurred on the 31st of December, 1840. Joel M. Wogoman was a son of Joel and Elizabeth (Overholser) Wogoman, and the maternal grandparents of our subject were David and Frances (Mikesell) Emerick.

Silas Wogoman devotes his time and energies to the pursuit of general farming, operating a tract of land on section 15, Perry township, which annually responds to his cultivation in bounteous harvests. On the 4th of August, 1904, he wedded Miss Ella Rebecca Lang, a daughter of Henry Lang, by whom he has one child, Archie Everett.

Politically Mr. Wogoman is a stalwart democrat and is now serving as justice of the peace in his native township, having held the office for several terms. His decisions are strictly fair and impartial, indicating a mind judicial in cast and entirely free from bias. He is likewise acting as truant office in Perry township. The name of Wogoman has long figured honorably in connection with the annals of Montgomery county and Silas Wogoman, who has spent his entire life within its borders, is highly esteemed as one of its most respected, enterprising and public-spirited citizens.

JOHN A. RECK.

John A. Reck, a prominent and well known citizen of Butler township, is the owner of a tract of fifty-nine acres of fine farming land. He was born in Darke county, Ohio, on the 31st of July, 1844, his parents being Eli and Nancy (Weaver) Reck. The paternal grandfather, John Reck, made his way to this state in 1826, locating at Gettysburg, which town he named. He purchased sixteen hundred

acres of land, likewise erected a flour mill and was long numbered among the prosperous and influential citizens of his community. He lived to attain the venerable age of ninety-four years. Eli Reck, the father of our subject, was born at Gettysbury, Pennsylvania, on the 27th of July, 1817, and was a lad of nine years when he accompanied his father on the removal to this state. He followed general agricultural pursuits throughout his active business career and passed away in Cedar county, Missouri, in 1891, his remains being there interred. His wife, whose birth occurred at Nashville, Ohio, on the 12th of October, 1823, died December 13, 1902, and also lies buried in Cedar county, Missouri. Their union was blessed with nine children, as follows: Anna, who was born in 1842; John A., of this review; Henry, born in 1846; Eli, Jr., in 1848; Mary E., in 1850; Susan J., in 1853; James A., in 1856; Silas, in 1861; and David, whose birth occurred in 1858. John A., Mary E. and Susan J. are the only surviving members of the family and the two last named make their home in Washington. Mary E. is the wife of Lewis Smith and has one child, Edward. Susan J. gave her hand in marriage to Noah Houck, by whom she has two children, Nancy and Ella.

John A. Reck obtained his education in the common schools and early became familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist through the assistance which he rendered his father in the cultivation of the home farm. On the 2d of May, 1864, when not yet twenty years of age, he enlisted for service in the Union army as a member of Company C, One Hundred and Fifty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry. With his regiment he went to New Creek Station, West Virginia, and thence to Martinsburg, where he guarded a provision train for thirty days, marching five hundred and sixty miles in that time. He took part in the engagements at Sweetsprings and Lewisburg, West Virginia, and was then sent to Cumberland, Maryland, where he assisted in the erection of a fort. There, for a whole day, the Union forces were besieged by an army of sixteen thousand rebels, whom they finally repulsed. Mr. Reck was mustered out on the 2d of September, 1864, returning home with a most creditable military record. He then again gave his time and energies to the work of general farming and remained a resident of his native county until twenty-three years of age, when he drove across the country to Missouri by wagon, the journey consuming twenty-eight days. He followed farming in that state for seven and a half years, on the expiration of which period he returned to Ohio, taking up his abode in Miami county. Subsequently he removed to Darke county and there continued to reside until he came to Montgomery county in March, 1908. As stated above, he is now engaged in the cultivation and improvement of an excellent farm of fifty-nine acres in Butler township, which returns to him a gratifying annual income. The prosperity which he now enjoys is directly attributable to his own well directed labor and unfaltering energy, for he started out in life empty-handed and has worked his way steadily upward until he has gained wide and favorable recognition as a most substantial and respected citizen.

Mr. Reck has been twice married and by his first wife had two children. Willis A., who was born July 10, 1870, is a mail clerk, his run being between Indianapolis and St. Louis. He married Miss Bessie Rankin, of Covington, Ohio.

J. Lewis, whose birth occurred June 29, 1877, is now acting as manager of a lumber company. He wedded Miss Mary Wagner and they have one child, Lloyd, now three years of age. For his second wife John A. Reck chose Miss Anna M. Warfield, whom he wedded in the year 1880. She was born in Grant county, Indiana, October 17, 1852, her parents being Jeremiah and Anna (Howard) Warfield, both of whom are now deceased and lie buried at Covington, Ohio. Her father was a farmer by occupation. Unto John A. and Anna M. (Warfield) Reck has been born one child, Earl O., whose birth occurred May 30, 1881, and who is now inspector of cash registers for the American Cash Register Company at Columbus, Ohio. He wedded Miss Lova Dunnum of Covington, Ohio, and they have one child, Evelyn, born June 4, 1909.

Politically Mr. Reck is an ardent advocate of the republican party, being convinced that its principles are most conductive to good government. For twenty years he has been an active member of the Grand Army of the Republic. His religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Shiloh Springs Christian church, with which his wife is also identified. For eight years he served as trustee and has always been a most active and helpful church worker, doing all in his power to promote its growth and extend its influence. He is a man of many sterling traits of character, reliable in business, progressive in citizenship and at all times trustworthy and honorable.

CLARENCE P. FOLSOM.

Advantageously situated on the lake near the rich coal fields of Ohio, Dayton has become one of the centers of the iron trade and to this industry the city owes much of its wealth and indirectly its substantial growth and upbuilding. Clarence P. Folsom is well known as a representative of the iron trade through his connection as president of the Dayton Globe Iron Works. His life record has been marked by steady progress, each forward step bringing him a broader outlook and wider opportunities.

Mr. Folsom was born in Malone, New York, in 1869 and was there reared until 1887, his education being acquired in the public schools of that place, which he attended until he reached the age of fifteen years. On putting aside his textbooks he secured a situation as clerk in a woolen mill office at Malone, remaining there to the age of eighteen years, when he bade adieu to the friends of his youth and removed westward to Dayton.

Since 1887 Mr. Folsom has resided continuously in this city and has made his presence felt as a forceful factor in commercial and industrial circles. Soon after his arrival he secured a situation in the drafting room of the Stillwell & Bierce Manufacturing Company. He was with this firm and its successor until August, 1903, when he entered into his present business relations as vice president of the Dayton Globe Iron Works, but is now president. This is one of the important industrial concerns of the city and in his official connection Mr. Folsom is called upon to solve many intricate trade problems. He has proven himself

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equal to the situation, however, for he is a man of marked force, of keen discrimination and of notable sagacity.

Mr. Folsom has two children, Miriam and Eleanor, but lost his wife in 1891. His political allegiance is given to the republican party for he has firm faith in the principles of its platform, yet at local elections he casts an independent ballot. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to the lodge and council, and he also belongs to the Dayton City Club. He is likewise a member of the Third Street Presbyterian church and it will thus be seen that he is neglectful of none of those associations which constitute helpful interests in life and promote a well rounded development of the individual.

CARL CLIFFORD SLOAN.

The farm on which Carl Clifford Sloan resides and of which he is the prospective owner, has been in possession of the Sloan family for four generations and it was also the birthplace of our subject. The place comprises one hundred and fifteen acres, situated in Wayne township and is one of the neat and productive properties of this section of Montgomery county.

As stated, Mr. Sloan was here born, February 1, 1876, a son of James S. Sloan, who was likewise born on this farm, April 21, 1838. His paternal grandfather was Alexander Sloan, who was born July 19, 1794, and died October 10, 1870. The latter was married April 15, 1830, to Elizabeth Crook, a native of Somersetshire, England, who came to America when only four years of age. She was born August 16, 1804, and died February 19, 1880.

James S. Sloan, our subject's father, acquired his education in the common schools and in the high school at New Carlisle, Ohio. He engaged in farming throughout his entire business career but is now living retired in Wayne township. He is a member of the Osborn Methodist church. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Lydia James, was born near Bellbrook, Greene county, Ohio, January 8, 1840, a daughter of David W. and Rebecca (Austin) James, the former a farmer and very influential citizen of Greene county. At the age of twenty-four years he was elected justice of the peace of Sugar Grove township, that county, which office his father, John James, had previously filled. David W. James died in July, 1875, his remains being interred in the Bellbrook cemetery, while his wife departed this life in July, 1850, and she is also buried at Bellbrook. It was on the 23d of May, 1871, that Lydia James gave her hand in marriage to James S. Sloan, subsequent to which time they made quite an extensive trip down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. They then located in Wayne township, where they have lived to the present time. In the summer of 1909 Mrs. Sloan went to Seattle, Washington, making the journey alone, although she had passed the sixty-ninth milestone on the journey of life. Like her husband, she is a member of the Osborn Methodist church, and a woman who possesses many lovable and worthy traits of character. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Sloan was blessed with two children, the sister of our subject being Bertha Estella, who was born November 16, 1873. She began her education in the district

schools and later completed the high-school course at Osborn, subsequent to which time she entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, in 1890, and there completed the two years' literary course, while for three years she studied piano in Dayton.

Carl C. Sloan, the only son of the father's family, completed the high-school course at Osborn in 1894. In the meantime he had been trained to the duties of the home farm and when starting out in life on his own account chose farming as his life work. He is now the prospective owner of the old home place, comprising one hundred and fifteen acres, situated in Wayne township. It is improved with good and substantial buildings and he has all the modern machinery that is necessary for the successful conduct of the farm. In addition to carrying on general farming he also raises Duroc-Jersey hogs and both branches of his business are proving a profitable source of income to him.

Mr. Sloan was married August 21, 1901, to Miss Grace L. Nash, of New Baltimore, Stark county, Ohio, a daughter of William L. and Harriet (Bryan) Nash. Her father has engaged in farming for many years and is also a prominent member of the State Grange. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Sloan were born two children, but Robert Nash, who was born August 21, 1902, died the following day. The daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born February 21, 1904, was left motherless when only ten days old, as Mrs. Sloan passed away March 1, 1904. Thus ended the career of one whom the community had learned to love and the members of her household deeply feel her loss. Since her death, Mr. Sloan's sister has had the responsibility of rearing his little daughter.

Mr. Sloan gives his political allegiance to the republican party and for three years served as pike commissioner, while in 1907 he was elected justice of the peace for a term of four years. He is identified with the Methodist Episcopal church, in which he is serving as one of the stewards. Enterprising and progressive in all that he does, he is ever alert to his advantages and opportunities and is thus working his way steadily to the front, being classed today among the representative young farmers of Wayne township.

ABEL HOOVER.

The name of Abel Hoover has long been associated with manufacturing interests in Miamisburg and has ever stood as a synonym for commercial enterprise, integrity and reliability. For a considerable period Abel Hoover has been a factor in connection with the productive industries of the city and is still financially interested therein although he is largely living retired in that he leaves the management of his manufacturing interests to others save for the general supervision which he gives to his business. He was born in Miamisburg, September 5, 1832, and is descended in the paternal line from German ancestry. His grandfather, Frederick Hoover, was a native of Pennsylvania and a farmer by occupation. Removing to Ohio he became one of the very early settlers of Montgomery county where he engaged in farming until old age incapacitated him for further labor of that character. He then retired and re-

moved to Miamisburg, where his last days were spent. He married a Miss Herman who also died when well advanced in years. They were the parents of six sons and two daughters: David, Martin, Isaac, John, Simon, William, Catharine and Mrs. Isaac Treon.

Of this family David H. Hoover, father of Abel Hoover, was born in Pennsylvania but was reared to farm life in Montgomery county, Ohio, and when he became a man turned his attention to the manufacture of threshing machines in Miamisburg. He took up that work in the '40s and continued in the implement business for many years, becoming one of the well known and prominent representatives of that line of trade and manufacture in this part of the state. He married Miss Catharine Houtz, also a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of John Houtz. Her father lived in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he conducted a distillery, a flour mill, a cooper shop and a store. He was one of the most prominent business men of that part of the state and in addition to his commercial and industrial interests he was a very extensive landowner, his possessions aggregating about nineteen thousand acres. He was a pioneer of Montgomery county, Ohio, where he engaged in farming and here he also established a distillery, sending his products down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers on flat boats to New Orleans. He afterward removed to Miami county, discontinued manufacturing because of a belief that the course was wrong and became a strict Presbyterian. He died at an old age. He and his wife reared a large family of children including: Nancy, Catharine, Eliza, Barbara, Mary, Christina, John, Samuel and Jeremiah. Among this number was Catharine who became Mrs. David H. Hoover. The death of Mr. Hoover occurred at Miamisburg when he was seventy years of age while his wife survived him for a number of years and passed away at the very venerable age of eighty-seven years. They were both consistent members of the Methodist church, their Christian faith being the guiding principle in their life. Unto them were born three children: Elizabeth, who is the widow of Charles Allen and is now residing in Miamisburg; Abel of this review; and Samantha, the wife of William Gamble of Miamisburg.

Abel Hoover has spent his entire life in the city of his nativity. In his boyhood days he pursued his education in the old-time subscription schools, in select schools and in the Ohio Wesleyan University, where he was a student for a short time. He afterward went to work in his father's shop and later became interested in the business as a partner. Following his father's death he continued the business and is still connected with manufacturing interests, the output of the factory at the present time being machinery for making twine. The business has long been a profitable venture, capably conducted along modern business lines and its manufactured product finds a ready and profitable sale on the market.

On the 7th of April, 1858, Mr. Hoover was united in marriage to Miss Clara E. Hoff, a daughter of William and Eliza (Leis) Hoff. Mrs. Hoover was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, in the town of Wammelsdorf and her parents were also natives of the Keystone state. They arrived in Miamisburg in the '40s and the father here engaged in the dry-goods business. Unto them were born eight children, five sons and three daughters, of whom three are now living: Mrs. Clara Hoover; Mary C., who is the widow of George A. Black of

Dayton; and H. C. Hoff, of Miamisburg. The father lived in Miamisburg for many years and engaged in the dry-goods trade here, becoming recognized as one of the leading and representative merchants of the city. He died in 1876 at the age of sixty-seven years, while his wife survived him for eight years and was seventy-two years of age at the time of her demise. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Hoover was George Hoff, a native of Pennsylvania, who served as a soldier in the War of 1812. His wife bore the maiden name of Margaret Nice. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Hoover was George Neis.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Abel Hoover has been blessed with six children, but Harry and Herbert died in early childhood. William D., who is now living in Denver, Colorado, married Miss Elizabeth Hunt and they have two children, Edward and Donald. Charles F., an eminent physician practicing in Cleveland, Ohio married Miss Catharine Frazier and they had one daughter, Catharine. George Albert, who married a Miss Taylor, is living in Detroit, Michigan. Esther Belle is the wife of Oscar E. Linderholm and they reside in Chester, Texas, with their one daughter, Clara Christine. Such in brief is the life history of Abel Hoover, a man whose record reflects credit upon Miamisburg, his native city, and throughout his life the place of his residence. Some years since he passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, and he remains a most respected resident here, honored by reason of what he has accomplished and the straightforward business methods which he has ever pursued. In all relations he has measured up to the full standard of manhood.

H. L. FERNEDING.

H. L. Ferneding, the well known attorney of Dayton, early in life chose the practice of law as his life work and has gained more than local prominence as a representative of his profession. Living in Dayton throughout his entire life, he is a son of Clement J. and Barbara (Barlow) Ferneding, the former now and for many years prominent as a manufacturer and street railroad man of Dayton. He acquired his early education at the parochial school and later was graduated from St. Mary's Institute, a college situated in the southern part of this city, where he remained for five years. He then had the benefit of further instruction at the University of Notre Dame, near South Bend, Indiana, where he completed a two years' course and then returned to Dayton to begin his legal studies.

Mr. Ferneding had the advantage of having as a preceptor in the law the distinguished attorney Hon. John A. McMahon, who has always proven his warm friend and benefactor and in whose office he remained for four years. During a portion of this time, in the fall of 1895, he entered the Cincinnati Law School and in the following spring was graduated and passed his examination for admission to the bar. He then returned to the McMahon law office and a few months later formed a partnership with Hon. Charles W. Dale under the name of Dale & Ferneding, which partnership continued for a number of years, during a portion of which time Hon. D. B. Van Pelt, ex-judge of the court of common

pleas of Clinton county, came to Dayton and became a member of the firm under the firm name of Van Pelt, Dale & Ferneding. In the summer of 1905, upon Judge Dale's elevation to the probate bench of this county, Mr. Ferneding formed a partnership with W. S. McConnaughey and John C. Shea under the firm name of Ferneding, McConnaughey & Shea, with offices in the Reibold building. This firm has grown to be one of the strongest and most representative in the city and the success that has attended their efforts has been pronounced.

By reason of his professional connection, Mr. Ferneding became identified with several important business interests, being an officer and director of the Teutonia National Bank, the Dayton, Springfield & Xenia Southern Railway Company, the Ferneding-Heymann Company, the William Focke's Sons Company, the Walker Lithographing & Printing Company, and the Columbia Land & Building Company, the last named having large real-estate holdings in this city, and of which company he is the president. Mr. Ferneding is also a member of and president of the board of managers of the Ohio State Reformatory at Mansfield and is now serving his second term. The management of this institution is nonpartisan in character, being composed of three democrats and three republicans. He was first honored by appointment to this position by the late Governor George K. Nash, a republican, and at the expiration of his term was honored by reappointment from his own party, a democratic administration, in the person of Governor Harmon. Mr. Ferneding has always been a democrat and takes a lively interest in public matters and in anything that pertains to the progress and welfare of the city. He is a member of the Dayton Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Country Club.

MRS. OMA APPLE.

One of the productive farms in Jackson township, Montgomery county, that in the excellent state of cultivation of its fields, the neat condition of all its appurtenances, such as fences, and the modern and substantial buildings, speaks of the good management of its owner, is that owned and worked by Mrs. Oma Apple. This enterprising and energetic woman was born in this township, October 24, 1868, and is the daughter of Peter Lies, who claimed Pennsylvania as his native state, having been born there on the 24th of February, 1832, and of Mary (Fuls) Lies, who was born in Jackson township, January 1, 1834.

The daughter of a farmer, Mrs. Apple was early inured to the ways of that life, for from her girlhood she ever took an interest in the work about her, doing her share, and a woman's part is no small one on a farm. When she married Mr. Apple she was well prepared to be his helpmeet. Indeed, as time has proven, when opportunity demanded she brought to the fore all those latent qualities of character, good management, capacity for right judgment, and a thorough understanding of the details of the farming business that had been growing and ripening during the preceding years of her life.

Mrs. Apple has two daughters who are now able to assist her. Carrie, the elder, was born on the 12th of July, 1889; and Orpha was born May 1, 1891.

Both girls have received a good education, for they are graduates of the Jackson township high school. They with their mother are members of the Reformed church, and frequently grace the social gatherings that are a part of the life of the congregation.

Farming is so almost exclusively the work of a man that when a woman assumes its burdens and bears them with something approaching a man's strength, it is a subject for remark and high commendation. Mrs. Apple has not only carried on her husband's farm and work, but she has so conducted the place that it has brought her generous returns. Her fields are among those that present the most prosperous appearance of any in the township, and it is needless to say that in her endeavors she has the good will and support of those who know her.

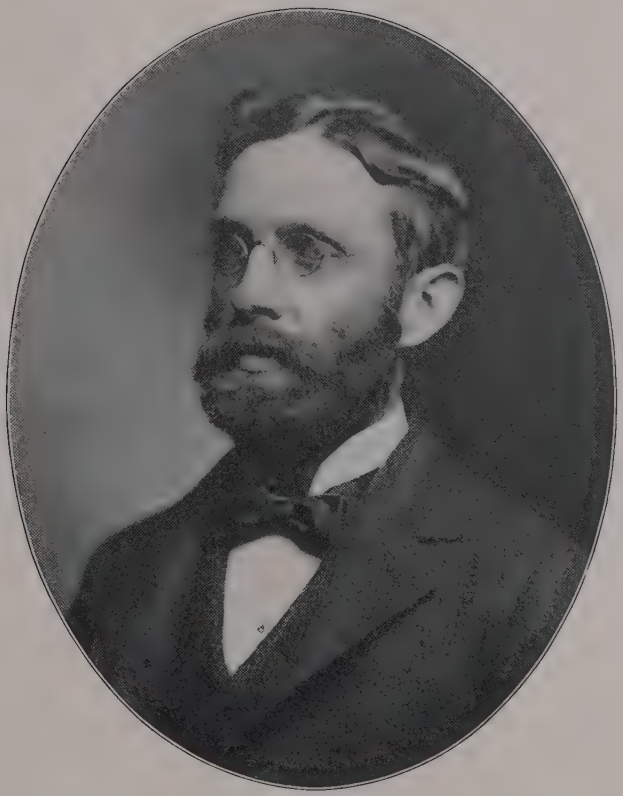
THE CITIZENS BANKING COMPANY.

The Citizens Bank was organized as a private institution in 1895 by Levi Baker and was capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars. It enjoyed a prosperous existence until 1900, when it was reorganized, becoming the Farmers & Merchants Bank with Dr. W. S. Mundhenk as the president. In 1905 a reorganization was effected under the name of the Citizens Banking Company, with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, at which time L. Baker was honored with the presidency. He still continues in that position, his assistant officers being: Dr. W. S. Mundhenk, vice president; and O. E. Baker, cashier. They own the bank building, which is a two story brick structure, sixty-six by ninety-nine feet. It is thoroughly equipped with modern fixtures and every accessory to facilitate the work of the bank, and the institution would be a credit to a city of much larger size than Brookville. The second floor of the building is used as the opera house of the village. It is forty by ninety feet, has a complete stage equipment and will seat four hundred.

WILLARD D. CHAMBERLIN.

Among the productive industries of Dayton is the one which now owes in part its successful management and continued expansion to Willard D. Chamberlin. Since 1906 he has been the president of the Beaver Soap Company, in which connection he is helping to conduct an enterprise of value in the industrial life of the community. His judgment is at all times sound and reliable, and his keen discernment constitutes a strong force in the able management of the house.

Tracing the ancestral line back through many generations it is found that Henry Chamberlin was the progenitor of the family in the new world. He came from Hingham, England, sailing July 26, 1638, on the ship Diligent, Henry Martin master, and landing at Boston on the 10th of August following. This was a comparatively short voyage for that time. He was accompanied by his wife, Mary Jane Chamberlin, by their two children and by his mother, Christina Cham-



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berlin. He was both a shoemaker and a blacksmith by trade. His son, William Chamberlin, born in Hingham, Massachusetts, was the next in line of direct descent to our subject. His son, John Chamberlin, was whipped nine times on Boston Commons on account of his association with the Society of Friends and was finally condenmed to death but was released on the order of the king, after which he removed to Newport, Rhode Island, where he ultimately passed away. Joseph Chamberlin, a son of William Chamberlin, was a farmer and cordwainer. He was the father of another William Chamberlin, the great-great-great-grandfather of our subject, who was a native of Colchester, Connecticut, and devoted his life to farming and to the conduct of a hotel. His son, Peleg Chamberlin, followed agricultural pursuits and died in Kent, Connecticut. He was the father of William Chamberlin, the great-grandfather of W. D. Chamberlin. Born in Kent, Connecticut, July 26, 1754, he, too, made farming his source of livelihood. He served as a soldier in the American army in the Revolutionary war, enlisting in 1776 for one year. He was on duty at Fort Stanwix, now Rome, New York, where the first American flag was unfurled in 1777. His death occurred at Bridgewater, Pennsylvania. Samuel Chamberlin, the grandfather, was born in Lexington, New York, and in 1810 removed to Bridgewater, Pennsylvania, where his death occurred. He, too, followed the occupation of farming and he was a minister of the Old School Baptist church.

Samuel Chamberlin, father of W. D. Chamberlin, was born in Bridgewater, Susquehanna county, Pennsylvania, May 4, 1827. In early manhood he took up the profession of teaching. He had been educated in an academy and for twenty-one terms followed teaching, spending two or three years of this time in the Titus district of Middletown, Ohio, after which he returned to the east. For over thirty years he resided at Vestal Center, Broome county, New York, and gave his attention to the occupation of farming. In politics he was a prominent republican in his community, especially active in local affairs. He served as supervisor, justice of the peace and in other local offices and declined a proffered candidacy for the general assembly. His life was ever honorable and upright, in consistent harmony with his principles as a member of the Baptist church, in which he served as deacon for more than three decades. He died at Vestal Center, New York, February 18, 1893. His wife, who bore the maiden name of Caroline Swan, removed to Waverly, Iowa, after her husband's death to make her home with a daughter there, but died at Oxford, New York, October 13, 1908. Her family numbered four children: Willard D.; Alma M., the wife of Dr. Osincup, of Waverly, Iowa; Samuel S., a manufacturer of table slides in Dayton; and Carrie L., who died in early childhood.

Willard D. Chamberlin, born in Ketchumville, Tioga county, New York, August 13, 1858, began his education in the district schools near his boyhood home and was afterward a high school student in Binghampton, New York. When he put aside his text-books he sought a home in the west, starting in 1877 for Ohio with Dayton as his destination. Here he secured a clerical position in the office of his cousin, Charles Chamberlin, agent for the Great Western Dispatch, where he remained until 1881, when he went upon the road as traveling salesman for Thresher & Company. In 1885 he became associated with Mr. Beaver in the manufacture of soap under the firm style of Beaver & Company, Mr. Chamberlin as-

suming the management of the office and also attending to the sales by introducing their product upon the road. In 1893 the business, which had enjoyed continuous growth, was incorporated under the name of the Beaver Soap Company, with Mr. Chamberlin as vice president, in which position he continued until 1906, when he was elected to the presidency, the company being at that time reorganized. Prior to this he had for ten years been a director but took no active part in the management. He is today, however, bringing his executive force and keen discrimination to the solution of business problems, and his sound judgment is an element in the continued success of this productive industry.

On the 5th of September, 1888, Mr. Chamberlin was united in marriage to Miss Mary Hinkley Sumner, a daughter of Dr. E. J. Sumner, of Mansfield Center, Tolland county, Connecticut. Their children are: Mary Louise, born September 14, 1889; and Edwin Sumner, born November 1, 1894. Mr. and Mrs. Chamberlin hold membership in the First Baptist church, with which he has been identified since 1870 and in which he is serving as a trustee. In politics he is a republican, unfaltering in his allegiance to the party but without ambition for office. He has many good qualities which have won him the regard of his fellowmen.

HENRY C. RYDER.

Careful analyzation into the life history of the great majority of men gives incontrovertible proof of the fact that success is won by earnest, persistent and unfaltering effort. It is in this way that Henry C. Ryder has worked his way upward, for although he started out in life without any specially favorable advantages, he has made steady progress in the business world until today he ranks among the successful farmers and stock-raisers and extensive landowners in Butler township. A native son of Montgomery county, he was born in Butler township upon the old home farm upon which he now resides, his birth occurring on the 28th of December, 1852. He is a son of David C. and Catherine (Keener) Ryder, the former a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, born in November, 1809. He came to Montgomery county at an early age and at once became identified with the occupation of farming, continuing to engage in that line of activity until his retirement from business several years prior to his death. He became a successful, substantial and influential man whose high moral worth was recognized throughout the community and gained him the honor and respect of his fellowmen. His death occurred on the 5th of August, 1891, and his remains were interred at Vandalia, Ohio. His wife, who in her maidenhood was Catherine Keener, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in November, 1815, and came to Ohio at an early age. Her father, who followed general farming and was a member of the Lutheran church, died several years ago, while Mrs. Ryder passed away in May, 1902, her remains being laid to rest beside her husband at Vandalia, Ohio. In their family were nine children. Nancy, the eldest, married I. A. Brankenburg and has five children, namely: Frank; Ella; Ida; Emma, deceased; and Dora. Mary became the wife of William Rahn and resided in Washington township for a number of years. She and her husband are

both now deceased and are survived by their three children, Ellen, Harry and Ida. Michael, the third in order of birth, is now deceased. He was twice married, his first union being with Sarah Breghm, by whom he had two children, Korah and Walter, while for his second wife he chose Sally Johnson, who became the mother of one child, Dora. David wedded Fannie Hart, of Washington, Pennsylvania, by whom he had four children, Katie, Frank, George and Jesse. Katie and George are both deceased. He was a Lutheran minister and very prominent in the community in which he resided. His death occurred when he had attained the age of forty-two years, his remains being interred at Washington, Pennsylvania. Jacob married Ellen Miller and became the father of five children, Charles, Ira, Ada, Isaac and John. He passed away in 1899 and was buried at Lewisburg, Preble county. John, who is a graduate of Wittenberg College, never married and is now residing in Dayton. Emma became the wife of Leander Coffman, who is now living retired in Lewisburg, Ohio. In their family were six children, namely: Wilbur; Addie and Elmer, both deceased; Francis; Edmund; and one who died in infancy. Henry C., of this review, is the next in order of birth. Anna passed away at the early age of four years, her remains being laid to rest in Butler township.

Henry C. Ryder, whose name introduces this record, spent the early years of his life upon his father's farm and no event of especial importance came to vary the routine of his life during the period if his boyhood and youth. He acquired his early education in the common schools of Butler township while later he pursued a course at Wittenberg University at Springfield. He also studied for a term and a half at the Lebanon University, and after leaving that institution he was engaged in teaching in Van Buren township, accepting and filling for two and a half years the position of a teacher who had been dismissed. He also taught one term at Little York, after which he withdrew from that profession, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial and profitable. In seeking for a life work he wisely chose the occupation to which he had been reared and in the spring of 1876 took up agricultural pursuits and has since been thus engaged. At first he rented a farm, which he continued to operate for several years, but possessing the laudable ambition to some day own a farm of his own, he applied himself with unfaltering industry and perseverance to the accumulation of sufficient means whereby to gratify this ambition. He engaged in general farming and later branched out into stock raising, being untiring in his efforts along those lines to win success. He did not, however, engage in any reckless speculation or unsafe investment, but on the other hand confined his business activities strictly within the limits of his means, and through well directed diligence intelligent labor and careful economy sought to gain his end. Nor were his labors in vain for his close application and good management in time brought their own reward and he became prosperous and successful in his undertaking, so that at the end of seven years he purchased the farm upon which he resided, although in so doing he placed himself under a rather heavy financial obligation. However, the qualities which had been his salient characteristics throughout the previous years continued to be the dominant features in his labor and he persevered in his efforts until in 1897 he was able to pay up all debts and became the sole owner of the farm. Two years later he removed to his

father-in-law's farm, upon which he resided for four years, and in 1893 he purchased the old homestead farm, to which he removed and upon which he has since continued to reside. He now owns two fine farms which are under a high state of cultivation and are among the well developed and valuable farming properties of Montgomery county, while he occupies a prominent place among the agriculturists and extensive landowners of the community.

It was on the 4th of March, 1879, that Mr. Ryder was united in marriage to Miss Alice Stoner, the daughter of Daniel and Marguerite (Miller) Stoner. Her father, who was born in Maryland about seventy years ago, came to Ohio at an early date and became identified with agricultural pursuits here, being recognized as one of the most prominent and influential men in Montgomery county. He has now retired from active business life, however, and makes his residence in Dayton. His wife, who was born in Montgomery county, passed away several years ago at the age of forty-five years. She and her husband were both members of the German Brethren Baptist church and were the parents of ten children, namely: Alice, born in April, 1859; Edgar, born August 4, 1861; Elizabeth, born in August 1862; Jennie, born in 1866; Irene, in 1868; Marcus, in 1870; Nora, who passed away in infancy; Effie, born in 1874; Harry, in 1876; and Maude, in 1879. Of this number Edgar married Nettie Yost, by whom he has seven children: Eugene; Vivian; Mary; Russell; Cosette; Daniel; and Myron, deceased. The third child, Elizabeth, became the wife of Moses Wampler, by whom she has the following children: Bessie, Maud, Amos, Emma, Dora, Mary and Maurice, all of whom are living, while several passed away in infancy. Jennie married D. J. Wample and they have one child, Lyman. Irene is the wife of Jesse Waybright and with her husband and five children resides in Maryland. Marcus, who lives in Minnesota, is married and has four children, while Nora, who is now deceased, is buried in the family graveyard. Effie married Clinton Miller, and they have two children, while Harry and Maude are both single.

Unto the union of Mr. and Mrs. Ryder were born six children, namely: Ralph, who was born on the 31st of December, 1881; Claude, born in May, 1883; Nellie, on the 17th of March, 1887; one who passed away in infancy and is buried at Polk cemetery; Raymond, born October 16, 1893; and Mark B., on the 29th of February, 1896. Ralph, who is now deceased, graduated in 1904 with the first high school class of Butler township, after which he taught school during the winter of 1904-05. He later entered Manchester College at North Manchester, Indiana, with the purpose of pursuing a classical course, but during his junior year he contracted pneumonia and died on the 30th of November, 1907. His remains were taken home and interred at Polk Cemetery. He was a very active member of the Brethern church and was a young man of excellent traits of character. Claude attended the common schools and also attended high school. He lives at home and assists his father in the work of the farm. Nellie, who attended the common schools, was a member of the first class to graduate from the township high school, graduating from that institution with brilliant honors. She has traveled extensively throughout the western part of the United States and is now taking a two years' course in domestic science at the State Normal at Ypsilanti, Michigan. Raymond, living at home, is a member of the junior

class at high school, while Mark B., who is also under the parental roof, entered the eighth grade in the fall of 1909.

Mr. Ryder has been a very prominent figure in educational circles in Butler township and is not only a man of considerable intellectual ability himself but has given his children excellent educational advantages. He was among the few who were instrumental in establishing the township high school and has served the township in almost every capacity pertaining to work along educational lines. He and his wife are both members of the German Baptist church of which he is a trustee, and he always takes a deep and active part in the various phases of church work. He is a man of high moral character who wields a wide influence throughout the community by reason of his honorable manhood and high ideals, and he stands as a splendid type of the high-minded American gentlemen with whom contact means expansion and elevation.

HARRY N. ROUTZOHN.

Harry N. Routzohn, formerly assistant prosecuting attorney for Montgomery county, is one of the younger representatives of the bar but his reputation is such that his colleagues of youthful years might well envy. His birth occurred in Dayton, November 4, 1881, and he is a representative of the young American of today, being descended from French, German, Irish and Swedish ancestors. His paternal grandfather was of a family that came originally from the province of Alsace-Lorraine, while his paternal grandmother was a native of Dublin, Ireland. His mother's parents were of German and Swedish origin, his grandmother having been a descendant of the famous Springer family, which came from Sweden and settled in Delaware during the Revolutionary period. His father, Henry J. Routzohn, is a native of Maryland, who came to Dayton in 1866, and now devotes his attention to general farming.

Reared under the parental roof, Harry N. Routzohn attended school to the age of fourteen years when, in 1896, he was appointed court page under Judge A. W. Kumler. He was then associated with the work of the courts until February 13, 1905, when he became an active practitioner of the bar, having been admitted on the 22d of June, 1904. His leisure hours in previous years had been devoted to the mastery of legal principles and he was also familiar with the routine work of the courts so that he entered upon his chosen calling particularly well qualified to discharge the onerous duties devolving upon him in this connection. On the 13th of February, 1905, he formed a partnership with C. J. Mattern under the firm style of Mattern & Routzohn, which continued until January 1, 1906, when he was appointed to the position of assistant prosecuting attorney of Montgomery county, in which connection neither fear nor favor swerved him in the discharge of his official duties. Mr. Routzohn after serving for a period of three years in this position, on December 1, 1908, formed a partnership with Julius V. Jones with whom he is now engaged in the general practice of law in the city of Dayton, under the firm style of Jones & Routzohn.

On the 22d of September, 1901, Mr. Routzohn was married in Dayton to Miss Laura E. Poock, a daughter of Louis D. Poock. There are four children of this marriage: Norman E., Mary D., Conrad M. and Emma L. Mr. Routzohn is quite well known in fraternal circles. He has taken the degrees of the lodge, chapter and council in Masonry, belongs to the Knights of Pythias and to Ormus Grotto of the Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets. Socially he is connected with the Garfield Club; religiously with the Oak Street United Brethern church; and politically with the republican party. These associations indicate much of the nature of his interests and activities. While a young man such is his keen insight and intelligently directed labor that his opinions carry considerable weight in the control of matters of general interest and moment.

REV. JOHN GOTTLIEB MUELLER.

It is with hesitancy that the historian takes up the task of preparing the life history of the Rev. John Gottlieb Mueller, not because of a lack of material but for fear that the record will not be the adequate expression of a life of such far-reaching influence and yet touch with modesty upon the history of one who ever keeps his own personality in the background save as his forceful character, actuated by the high ideals of humanitarianism and Christianity, leaves its impress upon the lives of those with whom he comes in contact. He has for fifteen years been the pastor of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church in Dayton and no representative of the ministry in this city is more uniformly honored and respected.

He was born October 18, 1861, on a farm in Medina county, Ohio, a son of Rev. John Gottlieb Mueller, who was born in Wurtemburg, Germany, in 1823, and on arriving in America in 1852 located in Liverpool, Medina county, Ohio. In 1867 he removed with his family to Knox county, Indiana, and in 1879 went to St. Louis, Missouri, to take charge of the St. John's Evangelical church until 1898, when he retired and came to Dayton, spending his last days in this city. He married Gottliebin Eckhardt, also a native of Wurtemberg, where they were married. Her death occurred in St. Louis in 1893, while Rev. Mueller passed away in Dayton in 1905. Both were consistent members of the German Evangelical Lutheran church.

Their family numbered eight children, of whom three died in early life, while five are yet living: Lina, the widow of the Rev. Henry Brenner; Rev. Carl Mueller, of Chicago; Lydia, the wife of the Rev. Louis Nollau; Rev. J. G. Mueller, of this review; and Selna, living in Dayton. The elder brother was the founder of the Deaconess Hospital of Dayton, now known as the Miami Valley Hospital, this institution having its beginning in the fact that he brought here from Germany the first trained nurse or deaconess and thus introduced a work which has gradually expanded and developed into one of the most important institutions of this character in Ohio.

Rev. John Gottlieb Mueller of this review was in his third year when his father removed to Knox county, Indiana, and there he attended the country schools until sixteen years of age, when he entered a preparatory school at Elmhurst,

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Illinois, with the end in view of becoming a representative of the ministry. After completing his course in that institution in 1881 he was matriculated in the Eden Theological College of St. Louis, Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1884. His first charge was at Denver, Colorado, where he organized a congregation and erected a house of worship. He remained there for two and a half years, doing splendid work for the church in that time. Accepting a call to Middletown, Ohio, he spent four years in pastoral work there and a similar period in Newport, Kentucky, after which he came to Dayton in 1894, having been called to the pastorate of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church.

The following year Dr. Mueller was married in St. Louis, Missouri, to Miss Emilia P. Schneider and they have two sons, Earl E. and Ernest Hugo. Their home is the center of a cultured society circle as well as a haven of strength for many who seek advice and counsel from their pastor. Mr. Mueller's work may be well termed practical Christianity. Thoroughly conversant with the doctrines of the church and with theological principles, he stands for that which is even higher than a knowledge of dogma or creed—the beautiful life of the spirit manifest in daily contact with one's fellowmen and the employment of one's powers and talents to the best advantage that all such may contribute to the world's progress toward the high ideals which the church ever holds before its people. Not only is the work of St. John's carefully organized along the lines in which all churches participate but into new fields as the pastor directed the efforts of his people, organizing various educational classes, believing, as do thousands of progressive thinkers of the present day that the work of the world is or should be a part of Christianity coming directly under Christian influence and guidance.

Rev. Mueller's views on the subject can perhaps best be stated, quoting from the little pamphlet sent out by the church in regard to the educational classes and which says: "Throughout the ages the fundamentals of Christianity have ever been the same, but its practice has undergone various changes. Christian religion at one time consisted only in endeavoring to solve the question, How can I be eternally saved? and in debating who will be saved and who will not. There came a period when it was determined that living a Christian life meant to turn away from the world and lead a life of idleness in seclusion; again a period when the entire stress was placed upon good deeds. This naturally produced a reaction and deeds and sacrifices were cast aside and the entire emphasis laid upon Faith. All these different phases comprise religion and blessed is the church which succeeds in combining them all. Service is the life of love and love is the life of Christianity. This is the aim of our educational class work, in a spiritual sense. We want to help to save our young people by helping to keep them busy." The church classes are instructed in dressmaking, fancy work, sewing, millinery, cooking, pyrography, mechanical drawing, freehand drawing, clay modeling, stenography, bookkeeping and common branches and there are also choral classes and a class in instrumental music for boys. A library is also maintained and one cannot visit any of these classes without being impressed with the interest manifested by the pupils and the helpful spirit which permeates the whole. It is almost needless to say that St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church has a hold upon its young people that few churches have and that it is one of the most potent elements in all Dayton for the moral and religious progress of the city.

Rev. Mueller is a man of scholarly attainments and broad learning, who is continually adding to his rich mental resourses but above and beyond that he posseses a deep human sympathy which enables him to perceive almost intuitively that which will be most helpful to his parishioners and to speak the word in season which is ofttimes the turning point in a life. There came to him at a recent date—October 18, 1908—a substantial manifestation of the confidence, good will and love which his parishioners entertain for him. It was the occasion of the forty-seventh anniversary of his birth and without his knowledge the members and their families to the number of one thousand people assembled at the church after which word was sent to the pastor that his presence was desired there. Not knowing the reason thereof he responded to the call and when he had been ushered to the dimly lighted room the lights were turned on in full and he found the entire auditorium filled with his friends and parishioners. An attractive program was rendered, a substantial gift was made to him and then the thousand people sat down to a banquet which was perhaps the largest ever held in the history of Dayton's churches.

Rev. Mueller's work may well be termed "applied Christianity" and, as stated in the editorial of the Daily News of September 9, 1908, not until the seeds he has sown have reached their full fruition in the lives of those with whom he has come in contact will his influence and labors cease to be felt as a dynamic force for good in Dayton.

Through the work which they love, they are taught to love the church. Religion is a matter of the hands and head as well as of the heart. Their work shows what has been wrought by building Christian character. It shows what can be accomplished with a spool of thread or a piece of paper as a text. Every stitch, every mark, every product of the mission circle is a sermon, and it would be well for the entire city if more such sermons were preached. It would be a glorious thing in fact if every church in the city would take up work along the same line.

CLEMENT JOSEPH FERNEDING.

A history of Dayton would hardly be complete without mention of Clement Joseph Ferneding, who has for a number of years been closely and helpfully connected with the business and public interests of this city. A native of Dayton, he was born March 10, 1846, and was here reared to manhood. He acquired his early education in the parochial schools and later attended St. Mary's Institute of this city; Mount St. Mary's of the West and the Catholic Institute of Cincinnati, after which he crossed the threshold of the business world and took up the broader and more difficult lessons taught in the school of experience. He became identified with the city railway interests and was president of the Dayton Street Railway Company for more than ten years. For four years he served as a member of the police board, during the last year acting as the president of that organization but at the close of his term declined reappointment to that office. He was one of the incorporators and director of The Union Safe Deposit &

Trust Company, and was also the executive director of The Dayton Insurance Company, which went into liquidation after paying its stockholders in full. He is now serving as president of The Ferneding-Heymann Company, cigar manufacturers of Dayton. He was one of the incorporators and is also a director of the Fourth National Bank and president of The Dayton, Springfield & Xenia Southern Railway Company and has been president of this company and its predecessor for the past ten years. His business interests have been large and varied and he has been a guiding spirit in all of the enterprises with which he has been connected, manifesting excellent business capacity and executive force and also possessing the initiative spirit to a marked degree.

While his success alone would entitle him to a place among the representative men of his native city, he is perhaps equally well known because of the deep interest he has taken in church work and in various benevolent enterprises of this city, He is a member of the Catholic church and for twenty-five years continuously served as secretary of Holy Trinity church. He was made chairman of the committee appointed from the different Catholic parishes throughout Dayton looking to the abandonment of St. Henry's cemetery, which had become surrounded by dwellings, and the property was sold and proceeds from the sale were sufficiently ample to cover the cost of removal of about five thousand three hundred unclaimed bodies which were transferred to Calvary cemetery and a beautiful mortuary stone chapel built in commemoration. When the increased attendance of St. Joseph Orphan Society of Dayton made it necessary some years ago to supply more adequate quarters and grounds for the institution, and there being no funds available for the purpose, Mr. Ferneding was named as chairman of a committee of Catholic citizens to devise ways and means of meeting the situation. Some fifty-six acres of land adjoining the Orphans Home were purchased, a large portion of which was sold in building lots to such advantage as to entitle each member of the syndicate making the purchase a return of his investment with fifteen per cent interest, besides donating to the orphanage seventeen acres of ground adjoining the home and a large sum of money. The Society was thus provided with one of the most beautiful homes for orphans in the state and which is now one of the attractive places of interest in the city. At the time of the erection of the new addition to St. Elizabeth Hospital, Mr. Ferneding was selected by the Sisters of the Poor of St. Francis and by the committee in charge to act as chairman of the building committee and the magnificent structure erected will ever prove a monument to his good judgment and untiring zeal in this worthy cause.

For a number of years Mr. Ferneding was associated with his father, the late Henry Ferneding, one of the pioneer residents of Montgomery county, in the flour and milling business under the firm name of H. Ferneding & Son and before the milling trade was transferred to the great northwest the volume of business done annually by this firm was one of the largest in this section of the country.

In 1869 in Dayton, Mr. Ferneding was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Barlow, a daughter of the late Theodore Barlow, and in their family are three children, namely: H. L., an attorney of this city; Thomas A., vice president and general manager of The Dayton, Springfield & Xenia Southern Railway Company; and Marie C. Ferneding.

Mr. Ferneding is a stanch supporter of the democracy and, although he does all in his power to further the influence and interests of his party, the honors and emoluments of public office have had no attraction for him. His interests are wide and varied, showing a well rounded character, and the value of his service in community affairs is widely acknowledged, while the consensus of public opinion accords him prominence among the representative citizens of Dayton.

WILLIAM P. HUFFMAN.

William P. Huffman, named with those men whom Dayton has honored as chief among the promoters of her growth and progress and as an exponent of all that is straightforward and commendable in business relations, was active in banking circles and in real estate and building operations in this city for many years. At a period when Dayton had not emerged from villagehood his birth occurred within its borders, his natal day being October 18, 1813. His parents were William and Lydia (Knott) Huffman. His grandfather, William Huffman, who was of German descent, and his grandmother, who was of English lineage, emigrated to America from Holland sometime in the decade following 1730 and established their home in Monmouth county, New Jersey, where their son William was born May 24, 1769. On the 14th of June, 1801, he wedded Lydia Knott, who was born in Monmouth county, January 19, 1779. They became the parents of a son and four daughters, and on removing to the west in the beginning of the nineteenth century settled in Dayton, where William Huffman passed away January 23, 1866, having for a brief period survived his wife, who died March 21, 1865.

William P. Huffman received a fair English education and devoted some time to the study of law solely as a factor in a more thorough business equipment but with no intention of following the profession as a life work. Early in 1837 he took up the occupation of farming, to which he devoted ten years, and again became a factor in the life of Dayton on his return to the city in 1848. His time thereafter was devoted to real estate, to building operations, to banking and to the promotion of such enterprises as the Third Street Railway, the Dayton & Springfield pike, the Cooper Hydraulic Company, the Second National Bank and the Third National Bank. All of these felt the stimulus and impetus of his wise judgment and his indefatigable energy. He was one of the organizers of the Second National Bank and was its president for many years. He was also president of the Third National Bank from its organization up to 1887. His plans were always carefully formulated and executed with a precision and dispatch that insured their success.

On the 18th of October, 1837, Mr. Huffman was united in marriage to Miss Anna M. Tate, a daughter of Samuel Tate, and they became the parents of the following named: William, deceased; Martha Bell, the deceased wife of E. J. Barney, of Dayton; Lydia H., the deceased wife of James R. Hedges, of Dayton; Charles T., deceased; Lizzie H., widow of Charles E. Drury, of Dayton; Samuel, who died in childhood; Torrence, of Dayton; Frank T., also of this city; George P., deceased; and Anna M.

Mr. Huffman served as a trustee of Denison University at Granville, Ohio, for fifteen years and was ever a stalwart champion and supporter of the cause of education. He held membership in the Linden Avenue Baptist church and his influence and labors constituted salient factors in the molding of Christian sentiment in the community. A man of clear, sound, practical judgment and exceedingly conservative and reliable in all transactions, his name stood as a synonym for wisdom and safety in the business circles of Dayton. While he promoted and managed important enterprises, he regarded business, however, as but one phase of life, never allowing it to exclude his active participation in and support of other vital interests which go to make up human existence.

WILLIAM H. VAN RIPER.

William H. Van Riper, well known in Montgomery county by reason of his activity in political lines and his capable service in public office, has made his home in Dayton from early manhood. As the years have gone by he has put forth persistent effort in business affairs and at no time has he been neglectful of his duties to the public welfare, meeting every duty that has devolved upon him in a private or in an official capacity with a sense of conscientious obligation.

The life history of William H. Van Riper began March 20, 1851, the place of his nativity being Seneca county, New York. His grandparents, Garret and Ann Van Riper, were natives of New Jersey and on leaving that state became residents of New York, where they spent their remaining days. Among their children were triplets, one of whom was Henry Van Riper, the father of our subject. The three boys, upon arriving at mature years, were each of remarkable stature and weight, and their resemblance was so close as to make it difficult to distinguish them. The three were named Henry, Richard and Peter, but the last two are not living. Henry Van Riper wedded Sarah Ann Gunn, a native of Ireland, who was nineteen years of age when she came with her parents to America. Her death occurred in January, 1875, when she was seventy-four years of age. She had for twelve years survived her husband, who was born in 1824 and died January 3, 1863.

William H. Van Riper was reared in the town of Waterloo, Seneca county, New York, where he attended a common school and at the age of fourteen he made his initial step in the business world as an apprentice to the tinner's trade, serving under I. N. Thorn in Waterloo. He not only completed his three years' term of indenture but also was an employe of Mr. Thorn in Waterloo for five years and afterward came with him to Dayton and continued with him for fifteen years in this city. No higher testimonial of his industry, faithfulness and reliability can be given than the fact that he remained in the service of one man for twenty years. In 1885 he embarked in business on his own account, opening a grocery store on the west side of Dayton in partnership with his father-in-law, Christian Becker. Two years later, however, he purchased a tin and jobbing shop on West Third street and in 1890 began business at No. 127, now 405 South Williams street, where he conducts a general tin, jobbing and contract business.

He has been very successful in industrial lines and is well known as a progressive, reliable representative of business interests in this city.

Not alone in this line, however, has Mr. Van Riper enjoyed the confidence and good will of the general public. He is perhaps even better known by reason of his activity in political circles, having always been a stanch advocate of republican principles. In the spring of 1875 he became a candidate for director of the city infirmary and was chosen to the office by eight hundred and ten votes above those given his opponent, this being the largest majority received by any candidate on the city ticket. On the 10th of April, 1895, he assumed the duties of the office and during the first six months of his connection with the board the running expenses of the infirmary were reduced about forty per cent. He continued in the office for three years and later was elected county infirmary director, in which position he served for five years. While curtailing the comfort of the inmates and the influence of the institution in no measure, he stood for retrenchment in expenses through economical management and accomplished a large saving for the county in that direction. In 1905 he was appointed county commissioner to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Kemp, and in 1906 he was elected county commissioner and served three years, making in all four years and three months in office. His course in this position is equally commendable for his official service is always characterized by creditable reform.

Pleasantly situated in his home life, Mr. Van Riper was married December 21, 1882, to Miss Isora Becker, a daughter of Christian Becker of Dayton. Her birth occurred in Montgomery county, March 16, 1861, and her father, a native of the same county, was born in 1838. In 1880 he took up his abode in Dayton, where for some years he engaged in the grocery business but is now living retired. Mr. and Mrs. Van Riper have become parents of two sons and a daughter, Clayton, born February 24, 1884; Carrie, born on the 18th of March, 1886; and Christian, born December 20, 1896.

Mr. Van Riper holds membership in Hope Lodge, No. 227, Knights of Pythias, and both he and his wife are members of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran church. A resident of Dayton from early manhood, he is known as one of its worthy business men and particularly as a loyal and valuable public official who is opposed to anything like misrule in public affairs and in all of his public service seeks the welfare and advancement of the entire community.

JOHN PHILIP MUMMA.

John Philip Mumma was numbered among the pioneer residents of Dayton, coming to this city in 1827 when but four years of age. Dayton had at that time taken on little of the evidences of modern metropolitan civilization and development which it now bears. It had few industrial or commercial enterprises but within it were possibilities for development which were recognized by those early settlers. In pioneer times down to the date of his death, covering a period of about seventy years, Mr. Mumma was deeply interested in the growth and

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progress of Dayton and at all times cooperated in any movement which he deemed essential to its welfare and upbuilding.

He was born on a plantation in Frederick county, Maryland, August 20, 182? and in 1827 came with his parents to Dayton, Ohio. He was a son of Jacob H. W. Mumma, who was born in Maryland in the eighteenth century and was married in Frederick county, that state, to Miss Mary M. Blessing. They removed to Dayton in 1827 and in Montgomery county the father, who was a weaver by trade, purchased a tract of land, which he cultivated in connection with weaving until the '40s when he abandoned the latter pursuit. He then continued to engage in farming until his death and became recognized as one of the representative agriculturists of the community. Unto him and his wife were born nine children, of whom one died in early manhood, while eight reached years of maturity.

John Philip Mumma was only four years of age when in 1827 he came with his parents to Dayton. Here he was reared and acquired his education in the common schools. He continued his studies until about fifteen years of age and through the periods of vacation worked on his father's farm which lay not far distant from the corporation limits of Dayton. He afterward gave his entire attention to general agricultural pursuits until about 1867, when he bought a livery stable in Dayton and conducted it with growing success until his death, which occurred February 23, 1904. In addition to his livery business he also dealt extensively in real estate, watching for favorable opportunity for investment. As the years passed by he prospered, owing to the capable management of his interests and to the rise in realty values.

At his death Mr. Mumma left the following children: Cornelius Blessing, Frances S., Samuel M., Raymond A., John Franklin and Mary M.

The mother still survives and yet makes her home in Dayton. Mr. Mumma belongs to no secret societies but was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church. In all of his business relations he commanded the confidence and good will of those who knew him and those whom he met socially enjoyed his friendship and entertained for him warm regard.

JOHN JACOB SWARTSEL.

John Jacob Swartsel, a well known and prosperous agriculturist residing on section 28, Jackson township, is numbered among the worthy native sons of Montgomery county. His birth occurred in Jackson township on the 21st of September, 1843, his parents being Joshua and Catherine (Miller) Swartsel, who were residents of that township. Our subject has been connected with farming pursuits throughout his entire business career and has met with a creditable and gratifying measure of success in his undertakings by reason of his well directed industry and capable management. He is a most public-spirited citizen whose aid and influence can ever be counted upon to further any movement instituted to promote the general welfare and was instrumental in the organization of the telephone company, the creamery and farmers' institutes, as well as various other

interests which have contributed to the material advancement and upbuilding of his native county.

On the 3d of November, 1863, Mr. Swartsel was united in marriage to Miss Missouri Miller, by whom he has three children: Etha, who married Frank Stump and lives in Farmersville; Maud, who married Elijah Miller and resides in Dayton; and Germanus, deceased. Mr. Swartsel is widely and favorably known throughout the county in which his entire life has been passed and in his home community is recognized as a man of excellent executive ability and keen discrimination, whose opinions are regarded as authority upon many matters of public concern.

EDGAR GARBER DENLINGER.

Edgar Garber Denlinger is filling the office of assistant prosecuting attorney of Montgomery county and his ability in the law well qualifies him for the onerous duties which thus devolve upon him and which he discharges in a thoroughly fair and impartial manner. He is one of the native sons of the county, his birth having occurred on a farm in Madison township, August 1, 1869. Tradition states that four brothers of the name came together to this country in colonial days and located in different parts of Pennsylvania. It is definitely known that his great-grandfather, Abraham Denlinger, was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and became one of the substantial and representative farmers of that locality, where he died when forty-two years of age. His children were Elizabeth, Henry, Christian, Abraham, John, Martin, Hettie, Nancy, Christina, Susan, and Barbara, all of whom lived to marry and have families of their own.

The fourth of this family was Abraham Denlinger, grandfather of our subject, whose birth occurred in Lancaster county on the 5th of August, 1806. He was reared to farm life and in early manhood became a resident of Montgomery county, Ohio, arriving about 1831. Soon afterward he wedded Miss Margaret Miller, whose birth occurred on Wolf Creek, Harrison township, this county, February 27, 1806, her parents being Daniel and Susan (Bowman) Miller. Her father was one of the first settlers of the county, arriving in 1804 from Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. He cut the first road up Wolf Creek through the forest west of Dayton, which city at that time was a tiny hamlet containing three families. He entered land from the government and also purchased a large tract, until his holdings comprised two thousand acres. With characteristic energy he began clearing and developing the land and in addition to agricultural pursuits he operated a saw and grist mill and a distillery, shipping his products down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to New Orleans. In all of his business affairs he met with substantial success and contributed as well to the improvement and upbuilding of the county. His children were Benjamin, John, Daniel, Joseph, Mary, Elizabeth, Esther, Susan, Margaret, Catherine and Sarah. Mr. Miller died at the age of eighty-four years, in the faith of the German Baptist church, of which he had long been a devoted member.

Abraham Denlinger, grandfather of Edgar G. Denlinger, began his domestic life on an unimproved farm of one hundred and forty acres in Madison township but with characteristic energy he began to clear and develop the fields and, as his financial resources permitted, added to his property until he had four hundred acres. His death occurred when he was eighty-seven years of age. He held to the faith of the Society of Friends or Quakers, while his wife was a member of the German Baptist church. Their children were John, Daniel, Abraham A., David, Israel, Mary and Joseph.

Of this family Abraham A. Denlinger is the father of our subject. Born on the home farm in Madison township, February 25, 1836, he attended the common schools and by wide reading and study became one of the best informed men of his day. His youth was largely devoted to the arduous work of the home farm. On attaining his majority he was married March 26, 1857, to Sarah Garber, who was born March 10, 1839, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Wampler) Garber. The former in his youthful days was brought to this county by his father, Joseph Garber, from Rockingham county, Virginia. Here he was reared and in time owned and operated one hundred and six acres of productive land, which his father had cleared from the forest. He lived to be more than eighty years of age and in religious faith was a German Baptist. His children were Sarah, Elizabeth, Mary A., William, Joseph, Anna, Philip, Lucinda and Jesse.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham A. Denlinger began their domestic life on her father's farm, of which he purchased one hundred acres, converting it into a valuable property through his careful cultivation and modern methods of farming. Unto him and his first wife were born eight children: Lavina G., Clara A., Ira G., Annie G., Lizzie G., Laura G., Edgar G. and Elmer O. The mother, who was a devoted member of the German Baptist church, died March 1, 1872, and on the 6th of June, 1875, Mr. Denlinger wedded Annie Bowman, who was born in Randolph township, August 22, 1852, a daughter of Benjamin and Belinda (Hyre) Bowman. The children of the second marriage were Austin H., Sibyl E., Stella, Carl H. and Ralph R. In his political views Abraham A. Denlinger is a stalwart democrat and for many years capably filled the position of township trustee. He is a valued member of Randolph Lodge, No. 98, I. O. O. F., and of the Encampment and in the lodge has held all of the offices. He has long been accounted one of the representative agriculturists of his community, honored and respected by all who know him by reason of an upright life.

Edgar Garber Denlinger was reared to farm life, remaining on the old homestead to the age of twenty-five years, during which time he mastered the studies taught in the district schools and then entered Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, where he pursued his studies for two years. Subsequently he engaged in teaching in Montgomery and Clark counties for two years and during the latter year took up the study of law. In the spring of 1897 he became a student in the law office of Hon. U. S. Martin and in March, 1899, was admitted to the bar, after which he practiced in connection with Judge Martin, who is his brother-in-law, up to the time Mr. Martin was elected prosecuting attorney of Montgomery county. Mr. Denlinger was then alone in practice until May, 1904, when he was appointed assistant prosecuting attorney by Judge Martin, under whom he served until the 1st of January, 1906. He was then re-appointed to the same office by Mr. Mar-

tin's successor and has filled the position from the 1st of January, 1907, to the present time. He is a strong and able lawyer who prepares his cases with diligence and care and with almost intuitive perception sees the relation between cause and effect.

On the 8th of August, 1894, Mr. Denlinger was married at Medway, Ohio, to Miss Mollie Kline and they have one son, Harold Adelbert. Mr. Denlinger is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and of the Methodist Episcopal church—associations which indicate much of the character of his interests and of the rules which govern his life. He takes an active part in politics as an advocate of the republican party and is interested in all matters of progressive citizenship, giving loyal support to every movement which he believes will prove of public benefit.

WILLIAM HERBERT VANDERVERE.

The progress of the world toward a higher civilization, toward a clearer perception of the value and purposes of life, is indicated in no greater degree than in the almost world-wide attention which is today given to the development and education of the child. It is to this work of educating the young and promoting the efficiency of the school system that William Herbert Vandervere is devoting his time, energies and thought. He is preeminently a self-made man, starting out in life as a poor boy and acquiring all of his education through his own efforts. One of Ohio's native sons, he was born in German township, about three miles southwest of Farmersville, on the 26th of July, 1874, and is a son of Charles and Mary Elizabeth (Boomershine) Vandervere.

William Herbert Vandervere was reared at home and acquired his preliminary education in the common schools of the neighborhood. He early recognized the value of thorough training and, being without the means to enable him to pursue such a course of study as he desired, he set about earning money with which to accomplish this end. Entirely through his own efforts he accumulated sufficient capital to pay for a course of study at the college in Lima and also Dayton, while he subsequently became a student at Miami University at Oxford. Thus well equipped he began teaching in 1893 and has steadily risen in his profession since that time until today he is superintendent of the schools at Farmersville and also those of Jackson township. He is constantly exerting his energies toward the betterment of the public-school system and his efforts have been most potent factors in advancing educational interests throughout this county.

Mr. Vandervere chose as a companion for life's journey Miss Agnes Stockslager, a daughter of Philip and Alice (Ely) Stockslager. The wedding was celebrated May 4, 1902, and as the years have come and gone three children came to bless this union: Ruth, Lucile and Cora. Since age conferred upon Mr. Vandervere the right of franchise he has given loyal support to the democratic party, but he has never sought nor desired public office as a reward for party fealty. A man of broad general information, he has never ceased to be a student but is con-

stantly extending his knowledge by wide reading and research. The dominant elements in his nature have been his indefatigable energy and perseverance—qualities that have already brought him into important relations and which are sure to lead him to still greater success and prominence in his chosen profession.

MRS. ISAAC MACY.

Mrs. Isaac Macy, residing in Butler township, is the owner of a well improved and productive farm of one hundred and fifty acres. She was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, on the 14th of April, 1857, a daughter of Amos and Mary (Stevenson) Ardinger. Her father, whose birth occurred in Williamsport, Maryland, on the 4th of March, 1828, came to this county when a young man of nineteen years, walking most of the way. Throughout his active business career he was engaged in coopering at Tippecanoe City, Miami county, but is now living retired at that place, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil. His wife was born near Little York, Montgomery county, Ohio, on the 22d of October, 1838, and passed away April 21, 1909, her remains being interred in the Maple Hill cemetery at Tippecanoe City. She was a faithful and devoted member of the Methodist church, to which Mr. Ardinger also belongs.

Unto this worthy couple were born ten children. Alice B., the eldest, is the subject of this review. Adelaide A., born in August, 1859, resides in Tippecanoe City and is the wife of J. H. Fanner, by whom she has two children, Nettie and Frank. The latter is a minister of the gospel. Sarah G., whose natal day was April 22, 1860, is the wife of W. H. Springstein and makes her home in Dayton. Jacob E., whose birth occurred in October, 1864, married Miss May Bailey, now deceased, by whom he had a son, Jacob, Jr. Emma, who was born in December, 1865, died at the age of twenty-three years and was buried at the Maple Hill cemetery. She gave her hand in marriage to W. C. Ginn and they had one child, John F., now living with Mrs. Macy, who reared him from the time he was a babe of thirteen months. Loretta, born in 1873, passed away in June, 1875, and lies buried in the Maple Hill cemetery. Blanche, who first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 27th of July, 1877, resides in Dayton and is the wife of Charles H. Johnson. Harry, born in November, 1880, makes his home in Tippecanoe City. He wedded Miss Okla Dodson and they now have one child, Gladys. John, born April 4, 1882, who likewise resides in Tippecanoe City, married Miss Fay Davenport. They had one child, now deceased. Clyde, whose birth occurred in October, 1889, died at the age of sixteen years and was buried in the Maple Hill cemetery.

Early in life Miss Alice B. Ardinger was brought to Johnston Station, Montgomery county, by her parents and later removed to Tippecanoe City, Miami county. She acquired her education in the common schools and remained under the parental roof until the time of her marriage. It was on the 21st of June, 1881, that she was joined in wedlock to Willard J. Hall, of Dayton, Ohio, whose birth occurred in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania, in the year 1853. He had one brother, Charles P. Hall. He made the journey to Dayton, this county, in company with

his mother, who passed away October 4, 1889, and lies buried at Wilmington, Delaware. Willard J. Hall was a machinist by trade and was highly esteemed for his many excellent traits of character. He died October 4, 1885, in the faith of the Methodist church, of which he had long been a valued and exemplary member. His remains were interred in the Maple Hill cemetery. Unto Willard J. and Alice B. (Ardinger) Hall were born two children. Mary A., the eldest, born June 21, 1882, has been twice married and had two children by her first husband, Mildred D. and Isaac, now ten and seven years of age respectively. Her second union was with Charles Booher and they make their home in Clark county, Ohio. Edith, the other child of Mrs. Macy's first marriage, was born October 31, 1884, and lived for but two weeks, being buried in the Maple Hill cemetery.

Subsequent to the demise of her first husband Mrs. Hall was again married, her second union being with Isaac Macy, whom she wedded on the 10th of March, 1887. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, on the 24th of May, 1822, his parents being John and Nancy (Yount) Macy. His father, whose birth occurred in Tennessee, August 8, 1795, became one of the pioneer agriculturists of Miami county, this state. The mother of Isaac Macy was born in North Carolina in July, 1798. Isaac Macy obtained his education in the common schools and chose the occupation of farming as a life work, eventually becoming one of the most prosperous agriculturists in the entire county. He was a stockholder in the Tippecanoe National Bank and a leading and influential factor in business circles. His success was all the more creditable by reason of the fact that it was attained entirely through his own efforts, for he had no outside assistance at the beginning of his career. He was a member of the Disciple church, in the work of which he bore an active and helpful part and the teachings of which he exemplified in his daily life. His demise, which occurred on the 21st of May, 1907, was the occasion of deep regret not only to the members of his immediate family but also to an extensive circle of friends and acquaintances. He was buried in the cemetery at Monroe, Miami county, Ohio. His widow belongs to the Disciple church at Frederick and is a lady whose many excellent traits of heart and mind have endeared her to all with whom she has come in contact. She owns a rich and arable tract of land comprising one hundred and fifty acres in Butler township, Montgomery county, and is comfortably situated financially.

CHARLES BAILEY CLEGG.

There are found many men whose industry has won them success—men who by their perseverance and diligence execute well defined plans which others have made—but the men who take the initiative are comparatively few. The vast majority do not see opportunity for the coordination of forces and the development of new, extensive and profitable enterprises and therefore must follow along paths which others have marked out. Charles Bailey Clegg, however, does not belong to this designated class. The initiative spirit is strong within him. He has realized the possibility for the combination of forces and has wrought

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along the line of mammoth undertakings until the name of Clegg stands in large measure as a synonym for urban and interurban railway building and manipulation in Dayton and this part of the state. He is one of the leading operators in this great field of labor and well deserves to be ranked among the captains of industry.

His life record covers the period from the 5th of February, 1842, and throughout the succeeding years he has resided in Dayton, his native city. His parents were Joseph and Tirzah P. (Bailey) Clegg. His father, one of the pioneers of Dayton, came from England as a young boy and in a marked degree was identified with the early and later business and municipal affairs of the city. He erected a number of buildings which at the time were leading and prominent structures in Dayton and his capability and enterprise as a business man gave him a distinctive position as a pioneer manufacturer and railway official. His industry and enterprise in these various lines brought him into a most prominent position as a representative of those phases of business life which constitute the basis of the city's growth and prosperity. His was a most useful, active and honorable career and his record had covered eighty-four years ere he was called from this life. His father, Thomas Clegg, had been identified in his earlier years with the cotton industry in England. Through his maternal ancestry Charles B. Clegg traces his descent from Colonel William Shreve, a distinguished officer of the Revolutionary war.

In the city schools Charles B. Clegg acquired his preliminary education and afterward attended Miami University. He inherited his father's business ability and has exceeded his financial success. He made his initial step in the business world in connection with the manufacture of linseed oil in partnership with his father and brother-in-law, and for many years the enterprise was conducted in a most profitable manner. However, he believed that a broader field was open for railway building and to that undertaking he turned his attention, acquiring a controlling interest in two of the horse railway systems, which he afterward consolidated. He then gave his undivided attention to the mastery of the business in every phase, studying closely every question bearing thereon. He built up the consolidated horse railways from Dayton View to Oakwood, two beautiful suburbs, to a splendid newly constructed and extended electric road, thoroughly equipped and managed upon the most approved methods. Gradually he acquired interest in all the other street railways of the city until he became the largest individual holder of their stock and was called to the position of president of the Oakwood Street Railway Company and a vice president to the City Railway Company. His progress in the business world as he has climbed to higher altitudes has given him a broader outlook and a wider view and reaching out beyond the railway interests of Dayton he soon realized the possibilities of traction lines leading to other cities. In connection with John H. Winters he purchased the Dayton & Western Traction Railway, rebuilt and reorganized it and so systematized its operation as to make it a valuable financial investment. Associating his son, Harrie P. Clegg, with him in his interurban railway interests they built the Dayton & Troy Electric Railway, which under his direction became one of the most prominent and desirable enterprises of the kind in the state.

A most attractive home life has ever offered Charles B. Clegg a relief from the strenuous cares of extensive and growing business interests. On the 31st of October, 1865, he married Harriet Buchanan Pease, and thus united two old and prominent families. He has one daughter, who married Valentine Winters, and a son, Harrie Pease Clegg, who was named for his mother, who died at the time of his birth. Association with his father and instruction from him in business affairs has made Harrie P. Clegg his valued assistant in the direction and control of street railway and traction line interests. The son is now the vice president of the Oakwood Street Railway Company and president of the Dayton & Troy Electric Railway Company, and his ability has been further recognized by his election to the presidency of the Ohio Electric Railway Association.

Charles B. Clegg has never married since the death of his wife and finds his domestic pleasure in the homes of his children and that of his sister, Mrs. E. Morgan Wood. He is a popular member of the Dayton City Club and was its president for three terms, 1906, 1907 and 1908. The only interruption to his active business career came through his service in the One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which command he defended the interests of the Union in the Civil war. He is still actively connected in controlling his important railway interests but now finds time for rest and recreation in travel both at home and abroad. His success has given him leisure in which to enjoy those things which contribute to the culture and to the pleasure of life and yet his career has been preeminently that of a successful business man. His railway affairs have been managed with marked success and many business concerns of the city have profited by his financial investment, his wise counsel and sound judgment. The accumulation of wealth has never been allowed to affect his relations toward those less fortunate. While he has never courted popularity he holds friendship inviolable and as true worth may always win his regard he has a very extensive circle of friends. He has made wise use of his talents and of his opportunities and his labors have not only had important bearing upon his personal fortunes but have been an element in the growth and improvement of the city and state.

NEWTON THACKER.

Newton Thacker, a wholesale grocer of Dayton, was born in Perry county, Ohio, in 1844. Reared amid the scenes and environments of rural life, he is indebted to the country schools for the educational privileges enjoyed. He remained upon his father's farm until twenty years of age, when he went to New Lexington, Ohio, establishing a retail grocery at that place. He remained there but two years, however, when he sold his interests and went to Zanesville as a salesman for a large wholesale grocery, traveling on the road for seven years in that capacity. At the expiration of that period he removed to Columbus where, for seven years, he was identified with jobbing interests. In 1884 he came to Dayton and entered the wholesale grocery business on his own account, continuing

in this line of activity to the present time. Each step in his forward career has brought him a broader outlook and wider opportunities of which he has eagerly availed himself in order to extend the scope of his labors and win larger success. He has given his energies toward administrative direction and executive control and his business has gradually developed until it has reached most gratifying proportions. Mr. Thacker early recognized the fact that satisfied customers are the best advertisement that a business can have and at all times the policy of the house has been such as to inspire confidence and trust in all of its patrons.

In 1867 occurred the marriage of Mr. Thacker and Miss Vashti M. Montgomery, of Covington, Kentucky. This union was blessed with two children, namely: Edgar M., the president of the American Board & Box Company; and Charlotte Myrtle, the wife of R. R. Dickey.

The only interruption that came in his active business career occurred in August, 1863, when, in response to his country's call for aid, he enlisted in New Lexington, Ohio, as a member of Company I, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He joined the regiment as a private but his bravery and valor won him promotion so that when he was mustered out in 1864 he bore the rank of corporal. He was in many hotly contested engagements and participated in the Vicksburg campaign and although he saw much active duty he was never wounded or captured.

Mr. Thacker holds membership in the Presbyterian church and his life has ever been in harmony with its teachings. Fraternally he is a Master Mason. He has ever been as loyal in his citizenship as when fighting on southern battle fields, while his personal worth has gained him the esteem and good will of all with whom he has come in contact.

ARTHUR JOHN SHAFFER.

Arthur John Shaffer, a farmer of Brookville, Ohio, was born in Clay township, Montgomery county, on the 19th of June, 1857. He comes of a family who on both sides have been for several generations connected with the farming life of this county, for his father, Peter Shaffer, was born in Clay township, November 24, 1835, and his mother, who before her marriage was Miss Catherine Shank, was born in Perry township, on the 14th of August, 1834. Peter Shaffer was the son of David and Catherine (Besecker) Shaffer, and the eldest of ten children, those younger than he being Jacob, David, Joseph, Warren, George, Susan, Molly, Kate, and one died in infancy. Catherine (Shank) Shaffer was the daughter of John and Catherine (Heeter) Shank, and was seventh in a family of equal size, having as her brothers and sisters Noah, John, Joseph, Daniel, Ephraim, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Shaffer had four children, two sons and two daughters, Elzina, Arthur John, Clarence D. and Katy Wilhelmina. The last two died in 1883.

Arthur J. Shaffer grew to manhood in this section of the state, attending the public schools during such months as they were in session and as they did not interfere with the duties, always numerous, that awaited him as the son of a farmer.

On the 23d of August, 1887, he was united in marriage to Miss Jessie F. Bixler, who was born January 19, 1864, a daughter of George Bixler and Rachel (Clemmer) Bixler, who had long been residents of Perry township. Mr. and Mrs. Shaffer have five children, three sons and two daughters: Harry, Emma, Edwin, Florence and George. The family are all members of the Lutheran church and on more than one occasion have proved themselves valuable assistants to the pastor in the work of the congregation.

Mr. Shaffer is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Brookville and is loyal to the ideals held up by these organizations. For a period of eight years Mr. Shaffer has been a member of the agricultural board of Montgomery county, which has for its object the improving of farm conditions in this part of the state. He has also served for a number of terms as a member of the school board and has ever been an advocate of a progressive policy with reference to the education of the young.

CHARLES VAN AUSDAL.

For almost sixty-five years the name of Van Ausdal has stood as a synonym for enterprise and integrity in commercial circles in Dayton, and in this connection the life work of Charles Van Ausdal fully sustains the untarnished family record. He today occupies an eminent position in mercantile circles, being at the head of a business of extensive proportions, the control of which demands keen understanding and an abundance of that quality which, for want of a better term, has been called commercial sense. His father, Isaac Van Ausdal, representing one of the old families of the state, was born in Eaton, Ohio, February 13, 1821, and died in 1900. The grandparents were Cornelius and Martha (Bilba) Van Ausdal, both natives of Virginia, the former having been born in Berkeley county, October 2, 1783. He was a young man of about twenty-one years when he made his way to Preble county, Ohio, spending the winter with his brother, Peter Van Ausdal, in Lanier township. The opportunities of the growing west proved attractive to him and with the intention of some day returning to take up his former abode in Ohio he went to his old home in Virginia in the spring of 1805. The following spring, however, he reached this state, traveling with a wagon and horse to Preble county. At this time the white race was just beginning to reclaim Ohio from the domain of the redman and the town of Eaton was being laid out. Mr. Van Ausdal decided to open a store there and before he could find a building was selling goods direct from the Canestoga wagon in which they were transported to that place. In a little log cabin he opened his stock and later obtained another wagon-load of goods from Cincinnati. Within a very short time he became recognized as one of the most progressive and enterprising merchants in the new state and was handling a large line for that time, receiving in exchange the products of the country, including furs, skins, beeswax, maple sugar, ginseng and pearl ash. From time to time he enlarged his stock and within a few years was considered one of the foremost merchants of northwestern Ohio. His business was extended to include a wholesale as well as a retail department and in the

early days his patrons included many Indians, among them the famous Shawnee chief, Tecumseh. In 1810 Cornelius Van Ausdal took the first census of Preble county, having been appointed United States deputy marshal, and in the war of 1812 he served as paymaster of the army and a large amount of public money was disbursed by him. In 1819 he was elected to represent his district in the state legislature and while thus serving a warm friendship sprung up between himself and General William Henry Harrison, who was also a member of the assembly at that time and he was afterward entertained at the home of Mr. Van Ausdal. About the time he entered the legislature Mr. Van Ausdal became the owner of the Western Telegraph, published weekly at Eaton, but subsequently sold the paper. Removing to Cincinnati in 1828, he was for five years engaged in the wholesale dry-goods business there as senior partner of the firm of Van Ausdal, Hatch & Gray. As he acted as purchaser for the house much of his time was spent in New York. He was also from 1828 until 1832 associated with his brother-in-law, Judge Currey, of Hamilton, Ohio, in the pork business and in 1846 became a factor in the commercial life of Dayton as senior partner of the firm of C. Van Ausdal & Son. Withdrawing in 1863, he retired to private life and died August 10, 1870. He stood as a high type of builder of this great commonwealth, his reputation remaining unsullied throughout his varied commercial, political and social relations.

Cornelius Van Ausdal was married July 24, 1812, to Miss Martha Bilba and they had a large family including Isaac Van Ausdal, the father of Charles Van Ausdal. He was born in Eaton, February 13, 1821, and supplemented his public-school course by study in Miami University at Oxford, where he was graduated in 1842. In 1845 he became a dry-goods merchant in Dayton with Daniel McCleary, of Rossville, Ohio, as his partner. A year later he purchased Mr. McCleary's interest and was joined by his father, the firm of C. Van Ausdal & Son being maintained until the father's retirement in 1863. Different partnerships were formed in the interim to 1886, when Isaac Van Ausdal was joined by his son, Charles, under the firm name of I. & C. Van Ausdal. While the house was originally a wholesale dry-goods establishment, from time to time the business was extended in scope until carpets and almost every article of household furnishing were to be obtained, while the dry-goods department was abandoned in 1859. As Isaac Van Ausdal prospered he made investments in other business ventures, becoming financially and actively associated with various important corporations. He was a stockholder in the Third National, Fourth National and Teutonia National Banks, also in the Farmers, Ohio and Columbus Insurance Companies of Dayton. His judgment was highly valued for in business matters his opinions were sound, his sagacity keen and far reaching.

In June, 1855, Isaac Van Ausdal wedded Miss Mary C. Roberts, a daughter of Orlistus Roberts, of Preble county. Seven children were born unto them: Robert, who died at the age of seventeen years; Cornelius, who died at the age of seven; Mary, a graduate of Smith College of Massachusetts; Charles; Laura, a graduate of Bradford Seminary of Massachusetts and now the wife of Charles G. Stoddard, of Dayton; Thomas E., who married Margaret Phillips and died in 1895; and Catherine C., a graduate of Comstock College of New York city. The death of the husband and father occurred in 1900 and the mother still survives. For fifty-

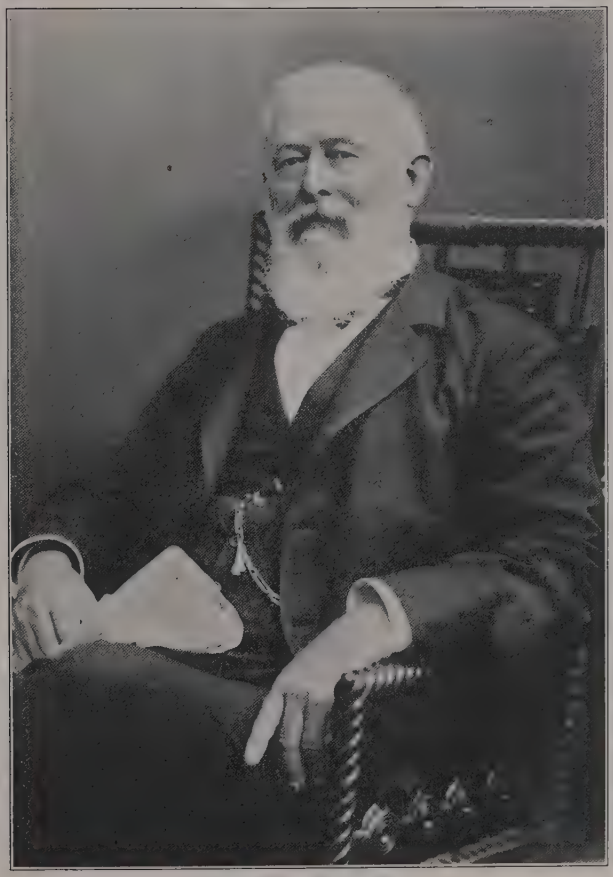
five years a resident of Dayton, his name was an honored one in commercial and financial circles, not alone by reason of the success he achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy he ever followed. His citizenship, too, was of the highest character, while in his home he was a devoted friend and a most loving and considerate husband and father. His influence was always found on the side of justice, truth and progress and many tangible evidences are given of his loyalty to the best interests of Dayton.

Charles Van Ausdal, now at the head of the large mercantile establishment founded by his father, was born in Dayton, July 26, 1863, and at the usual age entered the public schools wherein his preliminary education was acquired. He afterward entered Princeton University and completed a full course by graduation with the class of 1885. Returning at once to his home in Dayton, the following year he was admitted to a partnership by his father under the firm style of I. & C. Van Ausdal and has since remained an active factor in the control and management of the house, becoming its head upon his father's demise. This is today one of the oldest, the most extensive, the most progressive and most reliable houses of northwestern Ohio. Its interests have always been characterized by a spirit of enterprise and its management has always been in keeping with modern mercantile ideas. In his conduct there has always been maintained a high standard in the personnel of its representatives, in the business methods followed and in the character of its service to the public. Aside from his mercantile interests Mr. Van-Ausdal is a director in the Cooper Insurance Company and is vice president of the Herald Publishing Company.

In Dayton, in 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Charles Van Ausdal to Miss Susie Weakley, a daughter of H. H. Weakley, long connected with journalistic interests as proprietor of the Dayton Daily Herald. The family now numbers two daughters and a son, Charlotte, Herbert Weakley and Katherine. The parents attend the First Presbyterian church and Mr. Van Ausdal is popular in various fraternal and club circles. He belongs to the Masonic order and to the Dayton City and Country clubs and the Buzfuz club. Spending his entire life here, he has a very wide acquaintance and that his leading characteristics are those which everywhere command honor and respect is indicated by the fact that many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from boyhood and have been witnesses of his life in all of its varied relations, day after day.

GEORGE WILSON SHAW.

The name of George Wilson Shaw is inscribed high on the roll of Dayton's citizens, whose life records have reflected credit and honor upon the city. As a lawyer in the trial of important cases, in the conduct of large mercantile, financial and industrial interests, he was ever the same honorable gentleman, whose word no man could question. He came to be regarded as one of the foremost factors in the business circles of Dayton, winning his position through the intelligent utilization of opportunity and the careful coordination of forces into a harmonious and resultant whole.



GEORGE W. SHAW

His birth occurred in Rising Sun, Indiana, in 1823. The ancestry of the family is traced back to John and Susanna Shaw. The family were originally English Friends or Quakers and their earliest American location was in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. By deed dated July 7, 1697, John Shaw acquired title to three hundred acres of land in the lower part of what is now Northampton, Bucks county. In 1709 he is on record as a resident of Southampton and his name and that of his son, James, are among the petitioners, December 11, 1722, for the separate township of Northampton. He and his wife were members of the Middletown monthly meeting of the Society of Friends. They had ten children.

The eldest, James Shaw, born January 9, 1694, died December 3, 1761, at Plumstead, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. He was married September 24, 1718, at Abington meeting house, in Montogmery county, Pennsylvania, to Mary Brown, who died June 9, 1764. She was a daughter of Thomas and Mary Brown. Her father, born in 1666, emigrated from Barking, Essex county, England, and after living some time in Philadelphia and Abington, Pennsylvania, located near Dyerstown, Bucks county, as early as 1712. By deed dated June 18, 1724, he conveyed to James Shaw two hundred acres of land in Plumstead. James and Mary Shaw had six children, including Alexander Shaw, the direct ancestor of our subject in the third generation.

Alexander Shaw, the direct ancestor of George W. Shaw, in the third generation, was born November 4, 1734, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 11th of January, 1790. He married Sarah Brown, widow of Moses Brown, and, surviving her husband for twenty-two years, she passed away about 1812. All of their children were born on the Shaw homestead which Alexander inherited from his father and which was situated about three miles northeast of Doylestown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. The family numbered eight children.

The eldest was George Shaw, who was born April 2, 1760, and died on the 21st of August, 1801, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Wilson, died at Evansville, Indiana, about 1828. After losing her first husband she became the wife of Johnston Watson, by whom she had a daughter, Elizabeth, who was married twice. A deed dated April 1, 1797, recorded in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, shows that Thomas Brown conveyed land in Plumstead, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, to his son-in-law, James Shaw, on June 18, 1784, and on the 14th of December, 1759, James Shaw deeded part of this to his son Alexander Shaw, who died intestate and the orphans' court adjudged this land to his eldest son, George Shaw. On the 1st of April, 1797, George Shaw and his wife Mary, of Plumstead, deeded this land to John Fell. Mrs. George Shaw was born in 1763. Her parents were John and Elizabeth Wilson of Nockanixon, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. The father died in December, 1773, leaving two children, John and Mary. The mother afterward became the wife of William Keith, of Wakefield, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, who died in 1781. Her third husband was Robert Gibson, who was appointed guardian of David Shaw, minor son of George and Mary (Wilson) Shaw. George and Mary Shaw had three children.

David Shaw, their youngest son, was born in Plumstead, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1796, and died at Madison, Indiana, December 24, 1860. About 1818 he removed west with his mother, two brothers and a half sister, Elizabeth Watson. He was married July 29, 1819, to Nancy Speer Andrews and

they resided for a time near Dayton, Ohio. Later they removed to Rising Sun, Indiana, and about 1836 David Shaw went with his family to Madison, Indiana, where he purchased the dry goods store of John Lodge, continuing in business there until his retirement a few years prior to his death. Unto him and his wife were born ten children.

That number included George Wilson Shaw, who in his youthful days accompanied his parents to Madison, Indiana, where he was reared and acquired his primary education. Later he was afforded the advantage of instruction in Oxford college, from which he was graduated at the head of his class when only eighteen years of age, being its youngest member. He was universally loved at college, not only by his classmates but by professors as well. After his graduation he returned to Madison, Indiana, where he engaged in practice for a few years, and then came to Dayton but never followed his profession in this city on account of ill health, as he could not stand the confinement it necessitated. He then embarked in the wholesale dry goods business as a member of the firm of Perrine, Lytle & Shaw, which continued in business successfully for a number of years. Later Mr. Shaw turned his attention to the manufacture of threshing machines and that undertaking claimed his time and energies for five years, on the expiration of which period he retired from business to enjoy his remaining days in well earned rest. In all of his business connections he was energetic and resolute, overcoming the difficulties and obstacles in his path by persistent and honorable effort. He learned the lesson of each experience and adapted it to his own use. Not only did he figure in commercial and industrial lines but also became a factor in financial circles as one of the directors of the Third National Bank. He was likewise the vice president of the Reynolds & Reynolds Company and the vice president of the Dayton Paper Novelty Company.

In business matters his judgment was keen and his sagacity enabled him to successfully solve many problems which to another of less foresight would have proven unsurmountable. He led a most busy and useful life, the only interruption to his business career coming at the time of the Civil war, when he enlisted in response to the country's call for men to serve for one hundred days. He was a wonderfully well read man, being posted on almost any subject, and possessed a remarkable intellect which made him a very entertaining and clever conversationalist. He was honored and respected wherever known and was held in the highest regard by business associates and his many friends and acquaintances throughout the city.

On November 24, 1852, Mr. Shaw was united in marriage to Miss Mary Perrine and unto them were born five children, of whom three are living: Nancy A., the widow of John B. Greene; Julia S., the widow of Frank J. Patterson; and George G., now president of the Dayton Paper Novelty Company. The death of Mr. Shaw occurred December 29, 1907, and Dayton mourned the loss of a citizen whom she had come to respect and honor by reason of his well directed activity and his allegiance to all that is commendable in citizenship as well as in private life. He was faithful in his friendships, fixed in an honest hatred of all shams and pretenses and exhibited in every judgment of his mind a strong common sense that illumined every dark corner into which he looked. He was a man of high moral character and of the best social position. He succeeded because he desired to suc-

ceed and he was in his community a leader because nature had endowed him bountifully and he had studiously and carefully and conscientiously increased the talents that had been given him.

MRS. N. J. SLOAN.

Mrs. N. J. Sloan is the owner of one hundred and six acres of land, situated in Wayne township, where she has made her home for many years. She is a native of Greene county, Ohio, born near Fairfield, June 1, 1851. Her parents were Alexander and Elizabeth (Lowrey) Dille, the former born near Dayton, December 17, 1816, and the latter also a native of Montgomery county, born September 20, 1818. Following their marriage they located in Clark county, Ohio, where Mr. Dille became a very successful farmer, having accumulated at the time of his death a considerable fortune. Their family numbered nine children but only three are now living. They were consistent and faithful members of the Presbyterian church at New Carlisle, and both lived to an advanced age, the mother passing away December 15, 1885, at the age of sixty-seven, while the father, surviving for several years, passed away September 8, 1892, at the age of seventy-six.

The daughter was a little maiden of only four years when she was taken by her parents from Montgomery to Clark county, Ohio, and there she was reared and educated. She remained on the home farm, early being trained by her mother in the duties and cares of the household, so that at the time of her marriage she was well qualified to take charge of her own household. She was married in Clark county to H. C. Sloan, after which they located on a farm in Wayne township, the place comprising one hundred and six acres of valuable and well improved land and this has continued to be the home of Mrs. Sloan to the present time. Mr. Sloan here followed farming throughout his active business career and became very successful in his undertakings. He was particularly active in the moral development of the community as a member of the Presbyterian church, in which he was a ruling elder, being ordained to that office by Rev. J. R. Hughes, of Dayton. He likewise served as superintendent of the Sunday school and as a member of the church choir and his influence was ever found on the side of any movement that tended to uplift humanity and work for the betterment of various classes.

Active in the organization of the Harvest Home Annual Association, Mr. Sloan served as its president until his demise. He was an ardent supporter of the temperance movement and at one time was a candidate of Montgomery county for representative on the prohibition ticket. While he took a very active part in many public movements, he was not unmindful of his family and thus as the years passed he accumulated a good property which was left to his heirs. He was a man who stood high in the community. He made and retained warm friends, was devoted to the welfare and happiness of his wife and children, and thus his death, which occurred June 6, 1908, was a sad blow to the

community, who can well sympathize with the household from which such a light has gone out forever.

By her marriage Mrs. Sloan has become the mother of one son and two daughters. Blanche, who was born August 29, 1873, is the wife of Harry Kline, of Greene county, this state, where he is a very influential citizen, farmer and stockman, dealing in high grades of stock. They have two daughters and a son: Alma, who was born October 8, 1894, and is now a high-school student at Osborn; Marven, who was born January 3, 1896, and is a public-school student at Bath; and Leanna Blanche, who was born June 17, 1901, and is also in school at Bath. Herbert Sloan, the second member of the family, was born August 22, 1876, and on the 11th of February, 1897, wedded Miss Emma Kline, of Clark county, this state. They have two little daughters: Sarah Leota, who was born November 27, 1901; and Dorothy May, born February 13, 1904. The elder daughter is now in school at Osborn. Mabel E., the youngest member of the Sloan family, was born April 10, 1881. She was married on the 2d of November, 1899, to Earl W. Burrowes, of Greene county, and by her marriage she has become the mother of a daughter and son: Thelma, who was born November 27, 1900, and is in school at Osborn; and William Chalmer, who was born May 27, 1909.

Mrs. Sloan still resides on the home farm and in its management displays excellent business ability. She possesses many traits of heart and mind which have endeared her to a host of warm friends, her standing in the social circles of the community being an enviable one.

WILLIAM H. AHLERS.

Well known among the progressive and prosperous business men of Dayton is William H. Ahlers, a furrier whose establishment is in all ways attractive to the purchasing public. Born in this city on the 9th of July, 1876, he here spent his youthful days, attended the public schools and also pursued a course at the Young Men's Christian Association. At the age of sixteen, however, he put aside his textbooks and entering business life began learning the more difficult lessons in the school of experience. After being employed at various places, during which time his ambition and his energy were carrying him steadily forward into the business world, he entered the fur and hat store of Brown & Williams in 1890 and continued in that house until the firm sold out to S. B. Williams, his connection with the business covering the years to 1903. This brought him broad and practical experience and, desirous of engaging in business on his own account, he began the manufacture of fur garments, being the pioneer in that industry in Dayton. Untiring in his efforts to build up a paying business he personally solicited patronage but when once he secured a patron was sure of his continued support because of the excellent manner in which all of the work of his factory was done and the thorough reliability of all of his business transactions. From a small beginning he has developed an enterprise of large and profitable proportions and moreover has earned the respect and esteem of all who know him.

WILLIAM H. AHLERS

In 1899 Mr. Ahlers was married in Dayton to Miss Harriet A. Soller and they have two children, Ila Esther and William Robert. Mr. Ahlers is a Scottish Rite Mason and has also taken the degrees of the Commandery and of the Mystic Shrine. He is likewise a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Royal Arcanum and the Fraternal Order of Eagles and is interested in the moral development of the city as manifest in his membership in and support of the First English Lutheran church. He is extremely thorough and practical in all that he does and the public knows him as a most reliable, industrious and energetic young business man, who well merits the regard which is so freely tendered him by his host of friends.

FRANKLIN P. GRIMES.

Nature seems to have intended that man should enjoy a period of rest in the evening of life. In youth one is filled with hope and enthusiasm, in mature years' his energy and determination are tempered by sound judgment and experience and therefore, if he is persistent in his labors, success will attend him and then when the evening shadows fall he will find it possible to enjoy a period of rest from labor. Such has been the history of Franklin P. Grimes who, having already passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, has spent nearly his entire life in the county of his nativity. Moreover he is entitled to special mention in this volume from the fact that, during his lifetime, he has watched the growth of Montgomery county from a wild and unimproved district to richly cultivated fields, and has ever borne his full share in the work of public progress and development.

Mr. Grimes was born December 19, 1832, in Mad River township, Montgomery county, Ohio, and is a son of James and Edith (Williamson) Grimes. The father, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1785, removed to Virginia at the age of five years. There he was reared and became the owner of a fine farm of four hundred acres, while he became noted as a dealer in sheep and also made a specialty of raising fine blooded and fast horses. He came to Ohio in 1805, locating in Montgomery county, and was one of the early pioneer settlers of that district. After his arrival in Ohio he continued to raise fine stock and also engaged in building boats, which he operated between Dayton and Cincinnati. His death occurred in 1853, his remains being interred at Woodland cemetery, Dayton. In 1811 he had married Edith Williamson, a native of New York, who was born in 1794 and later came to Montgomery county, Ohio. They became the parents of eight children, namely: John, William, James, Asa, Henry, Franklin, Martha and Mary Belle.

After attaining his education in the common schools of his native county, Mr. Grimes took up the occupation of farming and stock-raising, removing to Edgar county, Illinois, where he was thus engaged. He remained at that place two years and then returned to Montgomery county, taking up his abode in Wayne township. He purchased land there and engaged in general agricultural pursuits and in buying and selling stock. He possesses good business ability, keen discernment and capable management, and during his active connection

with farming interests these elements proved the salient characteristics in the gratifying degree of prosperity which he attained. Throughout his business career he was prompted by the laudable ambition to win success, and that this ambition was fulfilled is indicated in the fact that about ten years ago he was able to lay aside the active duties of business and enjoy in well earned rest the fruits of his many years of earnest toil.

In 1857 Mr. Grimes was united in marriage to Marie Rohrer, a daughter of Martin and Elizabeth (Creider) Rohrer. The father, who was born in Pennsylvania, came to Ohio in 1836 and engaged in the distillery business, becoming one of the successful and wealthy business men of his community. He was thus actively engaged until his demise, which occurred in 1843, his remains being interred in Woodland cemetery. His wife, who was born, reared and married in Pennsylvania, passed away in 1896 and was laid to rest by the side of her husband in Woodland cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes became the parents of two children, namely: Floyd, born January 29, 1859; and Shelby, born January 29, 1862. Floyd, the eldest son, is now married and lives upon the old home place. Formerly he was a resident of Spokane, Washington, for twelve years, being connected with an electrical company as manager. He has been a member of the township school board and is also a member of the agricultural board. Shelby married Molly Beyl, the daughter of Solomon Beyl, by whom he had three children, Carrie, Frank and Warren. He was a prosperous farmer who was accidentally drowned in the Miami river at Osborn, Ohio, in May, 1907. Well known throughout the district, he had a large number of warm friends who mourned his death, while his loss was felt throughout the entire county.

Mr. Grimes holds membership relations with the United Brethren church at Sulphur Grove, Ohio, and has held several offices therein, being deeply interested in the work of the church in the community. Not only by reason of the success which he attained in his business interests has Mr. Grimes become well known throughout Wayne township and Montgomery county, but also because of the active and important part he has taken in the affairs of the township and county. He has been a trustee of the township, a member of the agricultural board and was instrumental in developing and making the county fairs a success. He is eminently a public-spirited man, heartily endorsing all measures which are matters of civic virtue and civic pride, and does all in his power to further the general growth and upbuilding of the community. His has been a long, useful life, and he can look back into the past without regret and into the future without fear.

JONATHAN HARSHMAN, SR.

Jonathan Harshman, Sr., pioneer citizen of Montgomery county, Ohio, and founder of the Harshman family, which in direct descent and by intermarriage is one of the most influential and representative families of the county, was born in Frederick county, Maryland, on the 21st day of December, 1781.

His ancestral record shows that his grandfather, Andrew Herschman, (as the name was then spelled) was born in Germany, lived there all his life and died at the remarkable age of one hundred and twenty years. The exact place of his birth and residence in Germany we are unable to give. A son Christian, the father of the subject of this sketch, also born in Germany, came to the United States when a lad and settled in Frederick county, Maryland, and in course of time married the daughter of a neighboring farmer, which marriage we are informed was a most happy one. From this marriage nine children were born as follows: John, Anna Maria, Esther, Phillip, Christian, Jonathan, Susanna, Catherine and Christina.

Jonathan Harshman, the sixth child of this marriage, in the year 1805 with some others from the same section of Maryland, emigrated to the state of Kentucky, settling near Lexington, but after remaining there about a year, he again returned to his former home in Maryland, when, after a short residence, he again became possessed of the desire to return to Kentucky, which he did, but not liking the institution of slavery then existing there and seeing no present hope for its abolishment he then came to Ohio and settled in Mad River township, Montgomery county, on a farm now owned by his grandchildren, George Harshman and Susan Harshman Cammann, and later on purchased the property which became the site of Harshmanville, where he resided until his death, March 31, 1850.

On the 18th day of February, 1808, Mr. Harshman was united in marriage with Susanna Rench, who was born November 11, 1786, in Washington county, Maryland, and was a sister of John Rench, also a pioneer settler of this county, who came from Maryland soon after Mr. Harshman did. The first year Mr. Harshman settled on his farm, he built a cabin late in the fall, hanging the door and putting in a one four light window himself. He set to work with a will and soon became actively engaged in farming, milling, merchandising and distilling. Everything he touched seemed to bring him success. In connection with his brother-in-law, John Rench, Mr. Harshman opened a store, corner of Main and Third streets, Dayton, under the firm name of Harshman & Rench, in 1829. They also opened a warehouse at the head of the canal basin and started a number of boats on the canal just opened between Dayton and Cincinnati, doing an extensive business in shipping and merchandising, their business in these lines extending all the way from Dayton to New Orleans. During his business career, Mr. Harshman had the entire confidence of the business community and by his industry and judgment accumulated the largest fortune possessed by any citizen of Montgomery county in his day.

In the year 1825, Mr. Harshman was elected on the whig ticket from this county a member of the general assembly of the state of Ohio, serving one term, and on May 1st, 1845, he was elected president of the Dayton Bank, which position he held until his death. When the National road was authorized by congress from Cumberland, Maryland, to St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Harshman in connection with other influential citizens of Dayton sought to have it laid out through this city, but on objection being urged that it would not be a straight line, by citizens of Springfield, the request of the citizens of Dayton was refused. Thereupon a number of Dayton men, in connection with Mr. Harsh-

man, organized the Dayton & Springfield Turnpike Company, of which Mr. Harshman was made president, and they built the turnpike from Springfield to Dayton, Ohio.

During the Mexican war, Mr. Harshman acted on a committee to raise means for the support of families of the men who had volunteered in the army and was very active in that regard. In everything tending to the growth of Dayton and of his home county, he also took an active part.

Susanna Harshman, wife of Jonathan Harshman, died December 5, 1839. Their marriage was blessed with a family of eight children: Elizabeth, born November 17, 1808, married Israel Huston, Catherine, born January 4, 1810, married Valentine Winters. Jonathan, born February 15, 1812, died December 25, 1876. He was named after his father and married Abigail Hivling who was born January 27, 1813, and died June 6, 1879. Mary, born January 17, 1816, married George Gorman. John Rench, born November 6, 1818, died August 31, 1819. Joseph, born October 24, 1820, married Caroline Protzman, daughter of Colonel Protzman. George W., born February 22, 1822, married Ann Virginia Rohrer. Susanna, born May 22, 1823, married Daniel Beckel, Reuben D., born January 16, 1827, married Mary Protzman.

VICTOR E. RUMBARGER.

A knowledge of art and science, combined with notable mechanical skill, originality and ingenuity in invention and marked executive ability in handling men and in producing harmonious action in business situations have been the concomitant forces which have won success for Victor E. Rumbarger, now the treasurer and general manager of The R. R. Sign Company, of Dayton. His life began in the little town of Farmersville, Montgomery county, in 1873. The first four years of his life were there passed at the end of which time, in 1877, his parents took up their abode upon a farm in this county. He was there reared to the age of sixteen years, during which time he attended the district schools and also worked in the fields during the periods of vacations. Leaving the farm his parents removed with their family to Dayton so that he had the opportunity of continuing his education in the schools of this city to the age of eighteen.

Through his youth he was interested in mechanical devices, studying out every construction and thinking out methods for every improvement. Entering business life, he took up the work of sign writing, using it as a means of maintenance, while giving his thought and energy to the perfecting of various inventions brought forth by a fertile brain and marked mechanical ingenuity. He produced his first invention when seventeen years of age. For a number of years, like most inventors, he did not receive any credit or remuneration for his work, but he soon learned his lesson, realizing the fact that others were willing and eager to take to themselves the credit and the success which were rightfully his. Added to his ability to produce new and original designs in mechanical lines, he had business and executive ability and calling these into play he has forced the world to recognize and make adequate return to him for his work. He never studied drafting, designing or me-

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chanics in any school but his wide reading and his keen observation, by reason of his remarkable mind, have enabled him to grasp the basic principles of an idea or piece of work and he can tell at a glance if it is practical or not.

Finding in 1903 that his business was increasing and realizing the vast possibilities for expansion he took in a partner, and in 1904 to simplify and for better control, they incorporated the business under the name of The R. R. Sign Company. In this association he is giving scope to his inventive genius in designing the electric signs which are now so attractive and so widely used as a means of advertising by thousands of business houses throughout the country. His ideas are original and pleasing and their value is indicated in the increasing patronage which is given to the house. In his position as general manager he looks after the entire plant of the R. R. Sign Company, in which connection are carried on a great number of different trades. No matter whether it is a knowledge of art, mechanics, structural steel, electricity or executive ability in handling men or coordinating business forces, he is ready to meet the demand that is made upon him, understanding, grasping and mastering every situation. His inventions are most numerous and he has handled many patents and appeared frequently in the courts in contention for his rights so that he is very familiar with patent law. It would be impossible to make detail mention in this connection of all of his inventions, but those which are manifest in the electrical displays of Dayton, Detroit and New York are so wonderful that more than passing notice should be given them. At a casual glance one hardly understands or appreciates the comprehensive knowledge and the expert skill which have been shown in the productions, but careful thought indicates the artistic values which are manifest in connection with the highest examples of structural iron work and in electrical and mechanical lines as well. His inventive genius is not confined to one line but has been manifest in various fields entirely separate and distinct. He has just received patents on a new airless automobile tire which has been pronounced by experts as an inovation and one that is extremely practical. He has a number of design patents and also a number of patents on electrical work of varied nature, including electrical talking signs, electrical flashers, electrical moving pictures and many others. He has also produced inventions in connection with railroad car construction and bicycle construction, hose and pipe coupling and tube expanders.

On the 27th of June, 1894, Mr. Rumbarger was united in marriage in Dayton to Miss Emma B. Fricke. They are well known here, having many friends in this city, while their own home is most attractive by reason of its warm-hearted and cordial hospitality. They hold membership in the Lutheran church and Mr. Rumbarger belongs also to the Knights of Pythias lodge. He is independent in politics, nor does he seek office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his business affairs. The smallest nor the strongest temptations have no effect on him and all who know him admire and love him for his rugged integrity and high sense of honor and fair play. He was reared in the faith of the Lutheran church, of which his father was a member, and as a child attended both Sunday school and church. At the age of sixteen years he was confirmed and has since been a member of that denomination, regularly attending its services throughout his entire life. Like many men who have done that which was worthy of note he is extremely modest and shrinks from publicity. This produces a reserve that has caused him at times

to be regarded as distant, but he is uniformly trusted as a man of high honor and those who come within the closer circle of his friendship find in him many admirable and lovable qualities. He stands before the world, however, as one of the few successful inventors, his business ability forming a well balanced ratio to his skill as an inventor.

WARREN HALL.

Well known in local political circles and in business lines as well, Warren Hall, who has served as a member of the board of public safety of Dayton, is now acting as manager of the repair department of the Dayton Motor Car Company. These interests claim the greater part of his attention yet he is also known in other connections which go to produce a well rounded development.

He was born on a farm in Butler township, Montgomery county, Ohio, March 15, 1858, and his youthful days were devoted to the duties of the schoolroom and the labors of the fields. Lessons of industry and perseverance were early impressed upon his mind. At the age of seventeen years he came to Dayton to enter the Miami Commercial College, from which he was graduated with the class of 1877. He then entered the employ of the Stoddard Manufacturing Company, with which he has since been connected. The business has since been reorganized, however, and his official connection is that of manager of the repair department of the Dayton Car Company. Mr. Hall has also been well known for a number of years in political circles and once served on the city board of elections, while in March, 1906, he was appointed by Governor John M. Pattison on the board of public safety as a republican. He served until August 1, 1909, in this capacity, proving capable and efficient in the discharge of his duties. He is recognized as one of the strong and effective workers in the ranks of the republican party in Dayton and stands for all that is progressive in citizenship.

On the 3d of October, 1888, Mr. Hall was married in Xenia, Ohio, to Miss Minnie F. Fleming, and they have three sons and one daughter: Herbert F., Gaines P., Kenneth A. and Margaret N. The parents belong to the First United Brethren church and are well known socially, the hospitality of many of the best homes of the city being freely accorded them.

JEFFERSON F. HERN.

Jefferson F. Hern, a prosperous farmer of Brookville, Ohio, was born in Madison township, Montgomery county, July 29, 1862, and is the son of Robert and Katie (Erskine) Hern. Although the father was born in Virginia, on the 11th of February, 1825, he was all but a native of this state, for he was only eight years of age when he came here in the custody of his sister, his own par-

ents being dead. His wife, who was four years his junior, was born in Randolph township in 1829. Mr. and Mrs. Hern reared a family of eight children: John, Jefferson, Abram, Elizabeth, Nancy, Sarah, Katie and Dora.

Jefferson F. Hern passed the days of his childhood and youth in the company of his brothers and sisters and under the loving care and guidance of his parents. He early learned the ways of farmers and the secrets of the cultivation of the soil, a practical education that amply supplemented the formal training he received from the schools of the township during the months that they were in session. On the 7th of April, 1887, he married Miss Lizzie M. Shank, who was born on the 31st of May, 1866, a daughter of Henry and Susan (Mundhenk) Shank, of Perry township, of which the latter was a native. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Hern, namely: Charlie, who was born in 1888; Katie, in 1891; Dora, born in 1895; and Waldo, born in 1901. The parents are consistent members of the United Brethren church, of which Mr. Hern is both a trustee and steward, and both are regular in their attendance at its services and actively identified with its interests.

Mr. Hern during all his life has devoted himself to the pursuit of farming. In this he has been more than ordinarily successful; his fields have produced for him of their most generous bounty, for he has cultivated them early and late, and with a skill that comes only from a joy in the work and a sympathy with the life of the great outdoors. Of recent years he has put up for the enjoyment of himself and family a fine house, equipped with all modern conveniences and accounted one of the best in this community. In the course of years he has made many friends who are well pleased with his good fortune.

JOHN M. LEIS.

More than a century ago George Washington said: "Agriculture is the most useful as well as the most honorable occupation of man." Moreover, it is well known that it is the basis of all prosperity, that upon the products of the soil must depend activity in commercial and industrial lines. Among those who are closely associated with farming interests in Montgomery county is John M. Leis, who resides in Jackson township. He was born October 21, 1857, in Heidelberg township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, a son of Jonathan and Justina (Myer) Leis, the former a farmer by occupation. They were worthy Christian people and on the minds of their children impressed lessons of industry and honesty. The grandfather, Henry Leis, lived and died in Berks county, Pennsylvania. He had two brothers, John Peter and John Adam Leis. The former came to Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1836, settling in Miami township, in that section known as Gander Swamp, where he secured one hundred and sixty acres of land. He was accompanied by his family, consisting of his second wife, whose maiden name was Shell, and his children, Henry, John, John Adam, Peggy, Hannah, Leah, Kate and Salome. Of this family John Adam Leis became a minister of the Reformed church.

The subject of this review acquired his education in the common schools of his native county but he was not satisfied with the east as he approached early manhood and desired to travel. However, the necessity of providing for his own support caused him to seek employment and after leaving school in the spring of 1875, he secured a clerkship in a village store, where he remained for a year. In 1876 he took up the trade of house-painting, which he followed continuously until 1893. On the 2d of November of the former year he went to Wells county, Indiana, but not liking that locality he retraced his steps as far as Dayton, Montgomery county, Ohio. From the city he made his way to Farmersville in the same county and there worked at painting. For a number of years he continued to follow that pursuit and then turned his attention to general farming, renting a tract of land from Henry Gable in 1893. Three years later, in 1896, he removed to Preble county, Ohio, where he rented a large farm from C. H. Keener and made his home thereon for three years. He then returned to the farm on which he had previously made his home in Jackson township, Montgomery county, and purchased the property which includes eighty acres of rich and productive land. He has erected modern buildings upon it and made many general improvements which have converted it into a fine farm, constituting one of the model properties of the township. He diligently and persistently carries on his work and his labors are bringing him success.

In 1878, in Germantown, Ohio, Mr. Leis was married to Miss Catharine E. Leis, a daughter of Israel Leis, a granddaughter of Henry Leis and a great-granddaughter of John Peter Leis, all of Montgomery county. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Leis of this review have been born the following named: Monroe J., who married Clara Shank; Calvin J.; William H., who married Annie Writz; Ada N.; Ruth E.; John A.; and Roscoe O.

Mr. Leis has been active in community affairs. In the spring of 1880 he was elected a school director in Jackson township and served for twelve years. He was then reelected, in 1899, and served for four years, when he resigned. In 1893 he was chosen to the office of road supervisor in the same township and has ever discharged the duties of these positions in a prompt, capable and efficient manner. His political allegiance is given to the democracy. In 1892 he joined the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and soon afterward passed through the chairs of the subordinate lodge. In 1897 he became a member of the encampment and later he and his wife joined the Daughters of Rebekah. In 1902 he became a member of the Masonic lodge at Farmersville and he is also a member of the Reformed church, in which he has served as an officer since 1899.

WILLIAM PFLUM.

Not by leaps and bounds but by the orderly progression that results from intelligently directed application and the wise use of every opportunity has William Pflum reached his present position as the vice-president and manager of the National Cash Register Company. He was born in Dayton, September 30, 1869, his parents being Jacob and Louise (Nauerth) Pflum, both of whom were natives of

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Germany, the former having been born in Wurtemberg, while the latter was born in one of the towns that border the Rhine. The death of Jacob Pflum occurred in July, 1908.

In the public schools of Dayton William Pflum pursued his education and afterward attended the Miami Business College. His vacations were largely devoted to work and in September, 1886, just after finishing his commercial course, he entered the service of the National Cash Register Company as an office boy. He made application for the position in response to an advertisement in a Dayton newspaper, which he chanced to see while out camping. He at first was paid three dollars per week, but while working in that humble capacity he gave proof of his capability, willingness and diligence and promotions followed. He was made assistant on the books at a salary of four dollars per week, since which time he has filled every intermediate position in the treasurer's office until his advancement has brought him to the present place of administrative direction and executive control which he now occupies. His work continued in the treasurer's office from the beginning until April, 1895, when he left his position of assistant treasurer to become traveling auditor for the company, a position which it was found necessary to create at that time. He served for a year in that capacity, traveling through the east, south, middle west and northwest states, doing excellent service. Having successfully discharged the duties of his outside position he was then called back to the factory in 1896 and again became assistant treasurer, in which capacity he served with pronounced ability and gratifying success. Upon Mr. Shepherd's resignation from the position of treasurer Mr. Pflum was appointed to succeed him. In January, 1902, he was promoted to the position of general auditor of the company and when the work of the treasurer's department and the general auditor's department was consolidated April 1, 1903, William Pflum became the treasurer of the company. On the 29th of June, 1906, he was elected by the board of directors to the office of acting general manager, which position was created owing to the absence of the president and general manager abroad. On the 11th of December, of the same year, the office of second vice-president was created and Mr. Pflum was elected to serve in that capacity in addition to performing his duties as treasurer. He continued in the office of second vice-president and treasurer until July 16, 1907, when he became general manager of the company. A few months later several of the office departments, constituting the executive branch, were removed to New York city. Mr. Pflum was transferred at that time with the title of first vice-president and manager, in which position he is still representing the company. This is today one of America's most important productive industries and in connection with its management Mr. Pflum has formulated various new and practical plans for the enlargement of the business and the conduct of the interests of the corporation.

On the 28th of April, 1896, occurred the marriage of Mr. Pflum and Miss Katie E. Smyth, a daughter of Sidney B. Smyth, a contractor of Dayton. They have three children: Catharine, William G. and Sidney S., all in school.

In his political views Mr. Pflum is an independent republican but without ambition for office. He usually gives his support to the men and measures of the republican party, but where the interests of city government are involved he casts an independent ballot, desiring only a businesslike administration of municipal af-

fairs. He holds membership in Christ's Episcopal church of Dayton, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Dayton Club, and also belongs to the Sphinx Club of New York. He owns a residence at Fourth street and the Boulevard in Dayton, one of the beautiful and attractive homes of the city, but, as the chief offices of the National Cash Register have been removed to New York, he, in consequence, maintains a home there. He is fond of all outdoor sports and athletics. He also delights in the ownership of fine horses and has ever owned horses since old enough to manage them. His own career has made him appreciative of true worth in others and as the years have gone on he has stood for all those things which make for progress and improvement in the complexity of life. His own career illustrates forcibly the value and worth of enterprise and unfaltering effort for it has been alone through those agencies that he has won his advancement, reaching a foremost place in connection with the management of one of the most important industries of the country.

SAMUEL YOUNG.

Samuel Young, an industrious and enterprising agriculturist of Montgomery county, is entitled to be classed among the self-made men of this vicinity. A native of Ohio, he was born in Jefferson township, this county, January 27, 1845, a son of Thomas and Susan (Dull) Young. The parents were natives of Maryland who came to Ohio about 1837, settling in Jefferson township, where the father became identified with farming. In 1847, they removed to Jackson township. In their family were the following children: Mary Catherine, John Thomas, Sarah Ann, Henry, Samuel and Susan. The last named was reared on his father's farm and soon became familiar with the work that falls to the lot of the country lad. At an early age he undertook the task of providing for his own livelihood and throughout the intervening years has been identified with the agricultural interests of this community. Energetic, industrious and persevering, he has also been most careful in the management of his business interests until today he ranks among the progressive and prosperous farmers of this district.

On the 28th of October, 1873, occurred the marriage of Mr. Young and Miss Sarah Catherine Weaver, a daughter of George W. and Eliza (Patterson) Weaver, and as the years have gone by their home has been blessed with two children, Izore Ellen and Florence Elsie, both of whom are now married and have families of their own. The parents are members of the United Brethren church and have always been deeply interested in its various phases of work, doing all in their power to further its influence in the community. Mr. Young has never allied himself with any fraternal organization, seeking his happiness in the companionship of his own home, to which he is most devoted. Politically he supports the republican party at the polls but has never sought nor desired public office as a reward for party fealty. Depending upon his own resources from an early age, with no special advantages at the outset of his career, he has, through indefatigable energy and undaunted perseverance, made his way

upward in the business world until he is today recognized as a substantial and prosperous representative of agricultural interests. His life has been one of continuous activity in which has been accorded due recognition of honest labor, while his sterling characteristics make him an honored and respected citizen of Jackson township.

THEODORE C. LINDSEY, SR.

Theodore C. Lindsey, Sr., prominent among the representative business men of Dayton, Ohio, is conducting a well appointed jewelry and general merchandise establishment. He was born upon a farm in Franklin county, four miles south of Columbus, Ohio, November 1, 1844, and was there reared amid rural surroundings to the age of ten years. The family then resided in Cambridge, Ohio, for a short time and in 1855 removed to Dayton. He soon afterward entered the office of what is now known as The Dayton Journal, where he learned the printer's trade. Following the outbreak of the Civil war, he put aside all business and personal considerations and with a number of boy friends responded to the country's call for troops, enlisting on the 11th of September, 1861, at Dayton as a private of Company H, Fourth Ohio Volunteer Cavalry. He served with that command until mustered out October 19, 1864, at Columbia, Tennessee, having in the meantime participated in a number of hotly contested engagements which contributed to the sum total of the Union victories that led up to the final close of the war. He was under fire at Chickamauga, again at Stone River and in front of Murfreesboro. He was never wounded but was captured at Huntsville, Alabama, in September, 1862, and sent as a prisoner of war to Macon, Georgia, and there remained for six or eight weeks; afterward was incarcerated in Libby prison for three or four weeks; and then paroled, while some time afterward he was exchanged and rejoined his command at Nashville, Tennessee. He was again captured about the 1st of October, 1863, near Nashville, and sent to McMinnville, Tennessee, where he was paroled and then marched two hundred miles to Mumfordsville, Kentucky. From that point he proceeded to Nashville, where he again rejoined his command. He was captured the third time in June, 1864, again sent to Libby prison for three weeks and while being transferred to Andersonville, Georgia, a halt was made at Salisbury, North Carolina, where the prisoners were placed on flat cars for transportation. A guard upon the train became friendly to some of the prisoners and told Mr. Lindsey and two of his comrades that it would mean starvation at Andersonville prison for them, that if they cared to escape while the train was under good speed he would see that the guards would not shoot. Mr. Lindsey and the two comrades accordingly jumped at the same time, being badly bruised and stunned but soon recovered. This was July 22, 1864. They found friends through the colored people whom they aroused the same night and were then directed to a white man named Jesse Goodnight about ten miles from Charlotte, North Carolina. Through the kindness of this man they were provided with shelter for four days and then left on a hike through the Smoky

mountains and the Blue Ridge mountains to eastern Tennessee, where the subject of this sketch was taken sick in the home of a Union man, Mr. William Cable, prior to that a resident of Ironton, Ohio. The help and kindness of Mr. Cable soon enabled Mr. Lindsey to recover and he then proceeded on to join the company at Strawberry Plains, Tennessee, September 4, 1864. Mr. Lindsey's readiness to join in scouting expeditions led to some of the personal risks in which he was involved, which have been related, and he met all the hardships and privations of military life, during more than three years in which he faithfully defended the interests of the Union.

On leaving the army Mr. Lindsey returned to Dayton, Ohio, where on May 30, 1865, he married Martha Seitters, there being born to them five children, of whom two are deceased: Daisy May died in infancy; and Anna F., the wife of Harry E. Dill, died in 1902, leaving two daughters, Hazel and Martha Dill. The three living children are: Harry W., a merchant; Theodore C., Jr., an attorney at law; and Elsie C., wife of Clarence P. Osborn. Mr. Lindsey's home life has been exceedingly pleasant and he has been an honored and respected head of the family at his present residence, built by him over forty years ago.

In the commercial interests of the city Mr. Lindsey is well known, having entered business soon after the close of the Civil war. He has been one of the energetic and enterprising commercial workers here, having long been connected with the jewelry and general merchandise lines and his store enjoys a large and valuable patronage due to courteous management and the excellent and large line of goods carried.

Mr. Lindsey has never held nor desired political office but is well known in fraternal organizations. He is particularly prominent in Old Guard Post, No. 23, Grand Army of the Republic; and in 1907 was elected senior vice commander of the Department of Ohio, has been on the staff of the national commander and is a past commander of Old Guard Post. He is one of the oldest members of Iola Lodge, Knights of Pythias. His religious faith is manifest by membership in the First Reformed church. Loyalty has always been one of his marked characteristics, manifested no more strongly in his military services than in the relations of citizenship and of friendship.

ELWOOD E. RICE.

There are men whose place of residence is but a feature of their life records, while the place of their business activity does not even localize them. They are men of the world in the broadest sense of the term in that their interests have constituted important elements in the world's work and progress. A splendid example of the spirit of the times is found in Elwood E. Rice, alert and enterprising, recognizing every opportunity and with marked initiative force, which he has displayed by the development of the business interests which he manages in the office of president of the Rice Electric Display Company and the R. R. Sign Company. He was born October 11, 1879, in Montgomery county, a son of Franklin and Mary Victoria (Dryden) Rice. His grandfather was Fleming Rice, his great-grandfather,

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James Rice. The latter was born in Maryland, October 5, 1786, was reared to farm life, and on the 21st of June, 1821, was married to Rebecca Drill, who was born in Maryland, March 5, 1797. They came to Ohio in 1826 and for six years were residents of Ross county, after which they established their home north of Dayton, in Montgomery county. In 1838 they rented one of the Compton farms on the Cincinnati pike, in Van Buren township, and there the death of James Rice occurred September 25, 1842, while his wife passed away five years before. They were both lifelong members of the Episcopal church.

Fleming Rice, the eldest of their six children, was born in Maryland, September 26, 1822, and was therefore less than four years of age when the family came to Ohio. In his youth he assisted in the operation of the home farm and when his father died assumed its management, keeping the younger children together and providing for their support. He remained on the farm about nineteen years and in the fall of 1858 purchased two hundred and twenty-eight acres adjoining the place upon which he previously made his home. He located on the latter property in 1861 and in 1872 sold sixty-eight acres of it for the Catholic cemetery, leaving him one hundred and sixty acres of rich and productive land. He also owned two other quarter section tracts in Van Buren township and a farm of one hundred and twenty-two acres in Harrison township and engaged extensively in the cultivation of tobacco. He was prominent in community affairs. On the 24th of February, 1843, he wedded Catherine Fenstemacher, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1824 and died in January, 1864, leaving four children: Hester Jane, who became Mrs. Daniel Peters; John W.; Mary, the wife of Jacob Sheets; and Franklin. On the 13th of November, 1866, Fleming Rice wedded Mary E. Miller, who was born in Pennsylvania, April 2, 1834, a daughter of John and Elizabeth Miller. They had three children, Charles D., Mrs. Annie E. Bradford and Olive L. The death of Fleming Rice occurred in September, 1907, when he had reached the advanced age of eighty-five years.

Franklin Rice, the father of Elwood E. Rice, was born in Van Buren township and has spent his entire life in Montgomery county. He formerly engaged in agriculture, living on a farm south of Dayton, Ohio, until 1890, when he put aside the work of the fields to become prominently connected with commercial pursuits. He engaged in the implement business in Dayton but maintained his residence on the farm until 1902, when he gave up country life and removed to the city. After some years he turned his attention to the mill business and operated an elevator in Dayton, in which connection his son had his first business experience as a salesman. Franklin Rice is a most successful man and at the present writing is operating a general elevator business in this city, his constantly expanding trade relations bringing to him gratifying prosperity. He wedded Mary Victoria Dryden, a daughter of David C. Dryden, who was born in Frankfort, Kentucky, and died December 4, 1904. When a young man he came to Ohio and married Jemima Bevington, who was born in Washington township and died December 2, 1902. The grandfather of Mrs. Rice, James F. Dryden, a son of James and Catharine Dryden, was born in Lexington, Virginia, April 18, 1801. He was the third of seventeen children and died June 21, 1860. On the 2d of October, 1823, he wedded Mary B. Goodwin, a daughter of Cornelius and Hannah Goodwin, who was born near the home of her husband August 27, 1801, and was the third of a

family of eleven children. After a few years they drove west and located at Frankfort, Kentucky, where they lived until their death. Mrs. Mary B. Dryden passed away September 6, 1871. By this marriage there were born eleven children.

David C. Dryden, the eighth of the family, was born October 17, 1836, and in early manhood came to Ohio, settling near Dayton, where he engaged in the milling business with his uncle, Joseph H. Dryden. On the 7th of April, 1859, by the Rev. David Winters he was married to Jemima Bevington, a daughter of Samuel and Mary Bevington, and the youngest of ten children. She was born near Dayton, February 14, 1841, and died December 4, 1902, while David C. Dryden survived until the 2d of December, 1904. To them were born five children: Mary Victoria; David G.; Lillie B.; John E.; and Edwin W. Of these Mary Victoria was born near Dayton, December 31, 1859, and was married to Franklin Rice, at Dayton, by the Rev. David Winters, October 17, 1878. Their early married life was spent on a farm. To them were born three children, Elwood E., Catharine J., and Franklin D.

Elwood E. Rice, the son of Franklin and Mary Victoria Rice, was reared on the home farm and attended the country schools until twelve years of age, when his parents removed to Dayton and he completed his education in the schools of this city. His initial experience in the business world was that of a salesman in the employ of his father in connection with the milling enterprise. On leaving that position he turned his attention to the manufacture of wall plaster, organizing the Rice Wall Plaster Company, and still holds the patents on Rice's Diamond Wall Plaster. His father was of an inventive turn of mind and produced several inventions on which he secured patents. Even in this age when fortunes are made in a remarkably short space of time the history of Elwood E. Rice is a notable one. That he possesses exceptional business acumen and executive ability is indicated in the fact that within four years he had built up an enormous business in the manufacture and sale of plaster, increasing it tenfold over the first year's trade. He supplied all of the plaster for the Reibold building, the Conover building and many other large office buildings and apartments in this city. In 1902 he sold his interest in the plaster business and turned his attention to the manufacture and development of electric displays, organizing the R. R. Sign Company, of which he has continuously been the president. This company has created, manufactured and mounted various electric displays all over the country. They have been steadily bringing forth new designs and inventing new and original devices for advertising purposes, their course awakening the interest and admiration of the advertising world from the inception of the enterprise. In 1908 they over-reached any market by displays of such magnitude as to size and construction that to form a market for these powerful displays Mr. Rice organized the Rice Electric Display Company with a capital of five hundred thousand dollars and of which he is the president and treasurer. Offices are also maintained in New York city and the company is known as the operating company which was organized to create a market for the product of the R. R. Sign Company and to operate those displays, the magnitude of such is that they could not be sold outright.

In no age in the world's history has there been such marked advancement in producing new, novel and unique features in connection with business affairs as are being brought forth at the present time by the R. R. Sign Company through the

use of electricity, which has been the magic wand in the production of results such as were undreamed of a quarter of a century ago. No fairy tale of old, or legend of the past has conceived the possibility of flashing before the eye such brilliant pictures and effects as are now produced in electrical displays, not only by means of light that turns night into day but also brings forth all the beauty and symmetry that can be produced in color and form. The Rice Electric Display Company of Dayton was incorporated for the purpose of showing to the world the greatest electric invention of the age supplied in a practical manner to the advertising of various standard commercial products. This company is now engaged on the task of placing at the heart of the business world, on Broadway, facing Herald Square, New York, the most beautiful spectacular operating electrical display that has ever been invented, planned or contemplated any place in the world and containing about twenty thousand electrical bulbs—as many as all the other electric displays burning on Broadway combined. This display will represent a Roman chariot race with all the splendor of the scene faithfully reproduced in heroic proportions, brilliant color and swift action. Already the Rice Electric Display Company has secured for its patrons in this novel method of advertising some of the most prominent corporations, firms, and business houses of the entire country—those which are considered leaders of the world in their line, and the enterprise as instituted by Mr. Rice is already assured of great success.

Before organizing the Rice Electric Display Company Mr. Rice refused several very flattering offers to take charge of the sales force for extensive corporations at almost fabulous salaries, but he preferred to remain in the independent venture for cognizant of his own capacities and powers he recognizes the fact that he had in his present business an enterprise which cannot fail to prove of immense value in this day and age when advertising is regarded as a most essential and result-producing feature of every business. In ten years Mr. Rice has risen from a meager salary as a salesman to that of president and treasurer of a half million dollar corporation. He has a remarkable talent for initiating, promoting and controlling extensive interests, his power arising from his keen insight into the possibilities of every situation and his remarkable sagacity in anticipating the needs and demands for the business world.

Mr. Rice's business affairs are to him a source of pleasure as well as of income. He delights in formulating plans and carrying them forward to successful completion. Industry is one of his dominant characteristics and while developing gigantic enterprises, he holds to high ideals as to his personal manhood. He possesses a quality that draws men to him and he easily wins their confidence and respect and in his talk, he seems very deliberate, but after a few minute's conversation, one finds that he has thoroughly mastered the facts that are being presented to him, after which his decision is quickly given and is unalterable. He holds tenaciously to a course that he believes to be right, but his position is ever one based upon reason and thorough understanding. Quick in his judgment of men and affairs, he is usually accurate in his deductions and opinions.

The home life of Mr. Rice is a happy one. He wedded Mary Elizabeth O'Neill, a daughter of W. S. O'Neill, a prominent tobacco merchant, now deceased, and Elizabeth O'Neill, who has also passed away. Their only child, Ern-

est Hugh Rice, was born April 17, 1905. Mr. Rice holds membership in the Dayton Club, has attained the thirty-second degree in Masonry and is also a member of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to the First Reformed church, of which he is a trustee. Notwithstanding the magnitude of his business plans and interests, he does not hold himself aloof from participation in projects for the municipal welfare or the social life of the city in which he has lived from early boyhood, but enjoys companionship with old-time friends and readily makes new ones as his business interests carry him into all sections of the country and bring him into contact with those who by reason of their enterprise and success are termed captains of industry.

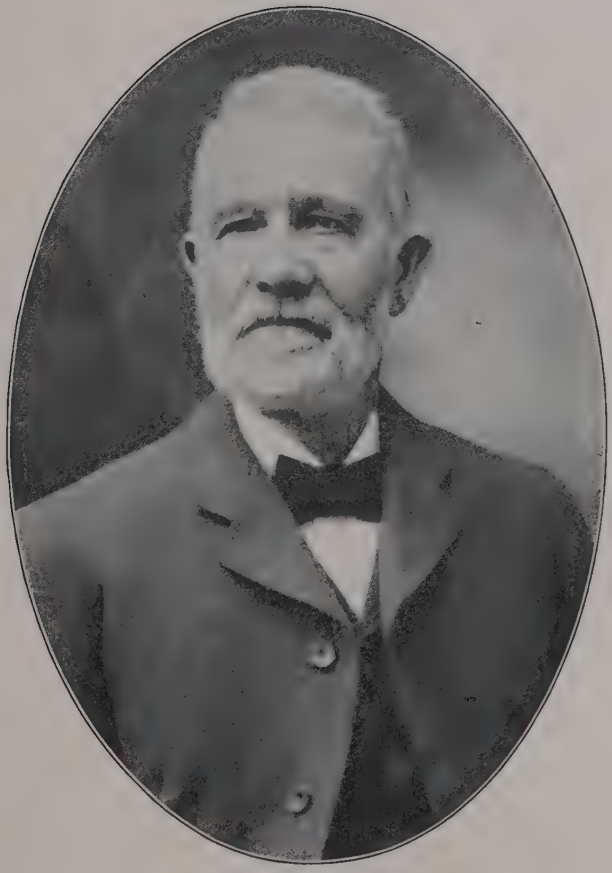
HENRY C. MOSES.

Henry C. Moses is now living a retired life in German township, where he owns two fine farms, one just on the edge of Germantown, a tract of one hundred and five acres of excellent land, and the other of one hundred and sixty acres southwest of the city on the Oxford road. He was born in that township on the 25th of September, 1824, at the old Moses homestead, about two miles south of Germantown, and is a son of Robert and Mary (Christ) Moses. His paternal grandparents were John and Catharine Moses, whose home was in Virginia, the grandfather being a retired planter at the time of his removal to this state at an early day. He was accompanied by his father, Robert Moses, who at the time of his demise was ninety-eight years of age and was the oldest man living in this part of the state. Our subject's father, who also bore the name of Robert Moses, was the first of the family to leave Virginia and come to Ohio, the others following some time later. He located near Sunbury, where he engaged in farming throughout the remainder of his life.

Henry C. Moses obtained his early education in the common schools of this county and in early life became thoroughly familiar with the occupation of farming, to which he has since devoted the greater part of his time and attention with good results. At an early day he took charge of the old home farm and in its management met with success from the start. Thorough and systematic in his methods of carrying on his work, he is now considered one of the best farmers of German township, and the prosperity that has come to him is but the just reward of his own untiring efforts.

On the 15th of January, 1857, Mr. Moses was united in marriage to Miss Grace Annie Rowe, and to them were born the following children: Elizabeth, the eldest, married C. T. Enninger and became the mother of two children, Harry and Lena, now the wife of Samuel Judy, by whom she has one child, Harold, the great-grandchild of Henry C. Moses. Grace, the second of the family, is the wife of Henry Huffman of Dayton. John married Nettie Emrick. Charles, the son of a former marriage, still resides at home and assists his father in the management of the farm.

Mr. Moses and his family are connected with the Lutheran church and he takes a very active and prominent part in all church work, having served as elder



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for a number of years. The cause of education finds in him a warm friend and he has done much to promote its interests as a member of the school board, serving in that position for fourteen years and then resigned.

WILBUR AND ORVILLE WRIGHT.

Wilbur and Orville Wright need no introduction to the readers of this volume or in fact to the scientific world for they were the first to solve the problem of aerial navigation through the invention of a successful flying machine. Their work in this connection has brought them world-wide fame but they wear their honors with becoming modesty and still give their attention to the solution of questions of great interest and of vital importance in scientific circles, while the practical utility of their labors is such as men have dreamed of but into the realization of which they are just entering with untold possibilities ahead. Thinking out along original lines, it is not only possible but probable that their contributions to the world's progress have by no means reached their end. In fact they are making history day by day and there is hardly a name that appears in such frequent mention in the press throughout all civilized countries than that of the Wright brothers. Dayton, once sceptical of the value of their achievements, is now proud to claim them. Theirs has been the history of every successful inventor whose new ideas given to the world in tangible form are first sceptically received until use and familiarity, that brings a knowledge of their value and worth, change its attitude for that of a cordial receptiveness.

Wilbur Wright was born in Henry county, Indiana, April 16, 1867, and Orville Wright in Dayton, August 19, 1871. They are descended from a long and noble line of ancestry which can be traced back through a number of generations in Essex, England. The progenitor of the American branch of the family was Samuel Wright, who was among the original settlers of Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1636, having previously located for a short time in Dorchester, that state. He was a deacon and lay preacher, by reason of which fact he was usually known as Deacon Wright. The line of descent is traced down through James, Samuel, Benoni, Dan I., Dan II. and Milton Wright to Wilbur and Orville Wright. Family connections have also included the Rev. John Russell, of Hadley; Rev. Joshua Moody, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire; Judge John Otis, of Barnstable, Massachusettts; Edmond Freeman, of Sandwich, Massachusetts; and John Porter of Windsor, Connecticut.

The first of the Wright family in Ohio was Dan Wright, who located in Centerville, Montgomery county, in 1814. His son and namesake was there married in 1818 to Catharine Reeder, whose mother, Mrs. Margaret Reeder, was a sister of Benjamin Van Cleve, one of the founders of Dayton. Her father was killed by the Indians in Cincinnati in pioneer times and her mother, who afterward married Samuel Thompson, was the first white woman in this city. John Van Cleve, the founder of that branch of the family, emigrated from Holland to Long Island about 1650.

In 1821 Dan and Catherine Wright, grandparents of Wilbur and Orville Wright, removed to Rush county, Indiana, where Milton Wright was born November 17, 1828. He supplemented his country-school education by study in Hartsville College for a short time and then continued his studies privately, remaining throughout his life a broad reader and deep thinker. In 1853 he was licensed to preach by the White River conference of the United Brethren church and in early manhood divided his time between teaching and preaching, acting as principal of the denominational school in Oregon from 1857 to 1859. On the 24th of November of the latter year he married Miss Susan Catherine Koerner, of Union county, Indiana, daughter of John G. Koerner, a wagon and carriage maker. Mrs. Wright was born in Hillsboro, Virginia, April 30, 1831, and was a student in Hartville College, where she manifested particular skill in mathematics. While of a retiring disposition and extremely modest, she was most devoted to the welfare of her family. She died July 4, 1889. The husband and father, Bishop Milton Wright, was engaged in preaching between 1860 and 1869. In the latter year was made editor of the Religious Telescope, published in Dayton. He continued his editorial work for eight years and in 1877 was elected bishop, in which office he served twenty-four years. In 1878 he removed to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and in 1881 became a resident of Richmond, Indiana, where in connection with his work as presiding elder he edited the Richmond Star. In 1884 he again became a resident of Dayton, where he yet resides. He is a man of strong mental attainment and full of courage and determination and all through his life has taken a cordial interest in his sons' undertakings, stimulating them by his advice and counsel. The members of his family were: Reuchlin, Lorin, Wilbur, twins who died in infancy, Orville and Katharine. The daughter is a graduate of Oberlin College, class of 1898, and is now a teacher in the Steele high school of Dayton and is secretary of the Dayton Association of College Women.

As the family removed to various places the children attended school and Wilbur Wright all through his youth manifested keen interest in scientific questions. As a boy and man he has been of studious habits, while Orville Wright is the enthusiast in the partnership, and yet both have been actuated by the same resolute purpose of accomplishing the tasks to which they have set themselves. In 1884-5 Wilbur Wright in the Dayton high school took what was practically the final year's work. His health prevented him from pursuing a college course but he read broadly and assimilated what he read, manifesting at all times a great interest in scientific publications.

Orville Wright was about seven years of age when the family removed from Dayton to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and after three years there passed he also spent three years in Richmond, Indiana, and then returned to Dayton, where he supplemented his education previously acquired by study in the Dayton schools, covering five and a half years, which brought him to the age of eighteen. One of his earliest activities was printing. When he was but fifteen years old he and a friend published a little four-page paper called The Midget. The father took deep interest in the undertaking but when in their first issue they ran out of news and left the third page blank he suppressed the whole edition because it was imperfect work. Wilbur Wright was not connected with the

Midget beyond his deep interest in the printing plant. In February, 1889, however, the Wright brothers established a little weekly paper called The West Side News. Wilbur and Orville Wright made a press entirely of wood unlike anything seen before but which performed the work as well. It was soon after this that the publication of The West Side News was begun, Wilbur Wright, however, taking no active part in the work of the office. The paper was published for a year and a half and at the same time a job printing business was conducted. On the expiration of that period the Snapshot, an advertising pamphlet, succeeded The West Side News and was conducted for two years, although job printing furnished the principal sources of revenue to the office and the business of that department continued until 1896. In the meantime the brothers had become interested in a bicycle business, not only engaging in the sale of wheels but also established a repair department and later manufacturing for their own trade, their highest grade wheel being called the Van Cleve, an honored ancestral name. The growth of the bicycle business caused the brothers to discontinue the job printing establishment in 1896. An earlier interest in the flying machine was revived about this time and research, experiment and invention have since led them to the prominent position which they occupy as the world's two greatest aeronauts. They not only had a practical but also scientific knowledge of mechanics and for the purpose of the work and business in which they became engaged secured a working acquaintance with different modern languages.

It has often been that the great things of life have been called forth by some seemingly trivial incident, and the interest of the Wright brothers in aeroplanes dates from the autumn of 1878 when their father brought home a toy called a heliocopter, which was so constructed as to rise in the air, its two screws being driven by twisted rubber bands. When Lilienthal, the bold and ingenious German experimenter, lost his life in coasting on the air, in 1896, their attention was more decidedly turned to the problem of mechanical flight. In a spirit of sport, as they imagined, they began their experiments, but were soon impelled by more practical motives and they began the work of experimentation and invention. Having decided on a plan of a machine embodying somewhat the principles of kite flying, they conducted experiments in 1900 and 1901 at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, and selected Kill Devil hill as the place of experimentation because of the prevailing strong and steady winds. The main object was to devise and test means for guiding and balancing and the use of the forward rudder and the warped planes for these purposes was adopted and proved in a high degree successful. After the experiments of these two years Wilbur Wright, in an extended address delivered at Chicago before the Society of Western Engineers, indicated the point of difficulty toward which the brothers were so persistently directing their attention. He said: "The difficulties which obstruct the pathway to success in flying-machine construction are of three classes: 1. Those which relate to the construction of the sustaining wings. 2. Those which relate to the generation and application of the power required to drive the machine through the air. 3. Those relating to the balancing and steering of the machine after it is actually in flight. Of these difficulties two are already to a certain extent solved. * * * As long ago as 1893 a machine weigh-

ing eight thousand pounds demonstrated its power both to lift itself from the ground and to maintain a speed of from thirty to forty miles per hour, but it came to grief in an accidental free flight, owing to the inability of the operators to balance and steer it properly. This inability to balance and steer still confront students of the flying problem, although nearly ten years have passed. When this one feature has been worked out the age of flying-machines will have arrived, for all other difficulties are of minor importance."

The machine referred to was the Maxim machine, which was confined near the ground by an upper rail. A gust of wind struck the machine causing it to break the upper rail, thus permitting a short flight ending in the overturning and wrecking of the machine. In 1902 and 1903 further experiments were conducted at Kitty Hawk leading to improvements in the lines already adopted. It was found necessary to construct new tables as to air pressure on planes at different angles and on differently formed surfaces to take the place of the faulty and incomplete ones previously existing. The steering and balancing problems having been largely solved, a motor and propellers were now to be brought into use. Purely by scientific calculations the screws were designed and were found exactly to meet the requirements. The motor made by themselves yielded better results than expected. The shaft, however, broke, three weeks being required to secure another from Dayton. This also broke. Orville then returned to Dayton and provided a shaft that met all requirements. Difficulties and accidents were met in the first attempt at flight, but December 17, 1903, the machine carrying a man rose by its own power in free flight, the first instance of the kind in the history of the world. Other successful flights were made. A little later the machine, while at rest, was wrecked by being overturned by a sudden wind.

In 1904 and 1905 experiments were conducted near Simms Station, eight miles east of Dayton, the devices for steering and balancing being greatly improved as a result of these tests. In 1905 Orville flew twenty-one miles. The next day Wilbur flew twenty-four miles. After the successful flights of 1905 the Wright brothers were occupied in perfecting details and in business negotiations. The French government sent a commission to Dayton to make investigations and to negotiate. The reports were favorable but the cabinet turned down the proposed agreements, evidently because some persons desired that the needs of the French government should be supplied by Frenchmen. A contract was entered into with the United States government to furnish a machine to the government that should comply with certain requirements. As a contract has been entered into with a French syndicate, which required that tests should be made in France at the same time that tests were to be conducted by the United States government, Wilbur departed to France with one machine, while Orville arranged to begin tests at Fort Myer, near Washington, as per contract with the United States government. The brothers should have been together, as the new exigencies arising, to say nothing of the demands and interference of the public, were taxing in the extreme. The tests in France and in the United States were entirely satisfactory to all of the parties concerned. The sad accident at Fort Myer, resulting in the serious injury of Orville and in the death of Lieutenant Selfridge, in no way destroyed confidence in the merits

of the machine. The government having given them an extension of time, Wilbur and Orville went to Washington, in June, 1909, with a new machine to complete the tests Orville had by misfortune failed to establish the previous year. And it was by mutual agreement that Orville did all the flying. After some time in testing and regulating their machine, Orville on first trial overmade both the promised tests. He flew with a man aboard with him an hour and twelve minutes and a half in the air; and on the speed flight made the measured distance of ten miles at the rate of forty-two miles and a half to the hour, under much disadvantages. So they delivered the machine to the government and returned home to Dayton. In August following, he in company with his sister, went to Germany, and performed all the tests required by a previous contract with a rich company and delivered to them the rights of that country. He also with another man aboard made a longer flight than any one had made and rose higher in the air than any one had risen on an aeroplane. For these exploits he received a separate reward. A little later, he rose about one thousand six hundred feet in the air, more than twice the height on which he had won. Previous to his misfortune a year before he had remained in the air an hour and fifteen minutes and twenty seconds; and shortly afterward Wilbur in France had remained in flight two hours and thirty minutes and upward.

No triumph in all the past has ever excited greater attention and applause. Today the aeroplane of the Wright brothers is known throughout the civilized world and the attention of Europe and America is concentrated upon the work of these brothers who are now bending their energies to improvements both in balancing and in the speed. They have received the highest honors, especially in France, where great interest is felt in aerial navigation, and have in their own country been honored with the recognition of leading scientific societies receiving gold medals voted by congress, by the Ohio state legislature and by the council of the city of Dayton. Notably free from ostentation and display they nevertheless merit the enthusiastic admiration, approval and commendation of the world, having added to America's fame in the line of invention. It is a fact worthy of note that the Wright brothers prefer to make their own tools, seeming to have more faith in that which their own hands have fashioned and this is particularly true of the delicate parts of their machine. The wings or planes of the machines used in the trials are forty feet long and six and a half wide, having a surface of five hundred square feet. The planes are six feet apart. The forward rudder consists of two planes two and a half feet wide and sixteen feet long, and a small vertical plane connecting the two. The guiding and balancing are effected by two or three levers which control the forward rudder and change the angles of the planes, at the same time shifting the vertical tail. The patents cover all of these features of guidance and balance and have been granted in nine European countries as well as in the United States. The motive power is supplied by a twenty-five horse power gasoline motor driving two propellers. The machine in flight averages thirty-eight or forty miles per hour. The machine weighs about eight hundred pounds.

As has been said the Wright brothers are still making history. While abroad, in his flights in France, Wilbur Wright soon established new records. At LeMans and at Pau he fulfilled his contract with the French syndicate and

the rights for that country were sold for one hundred thousand dollars. In Rome flights were made, observed by the Italian government and a machine sold. In October, 1909, Wilbur Wright made successful flights in the eastern part of his own country, including one at the Hudson-Fulton centennial celebration. A Wright aeroplane is now the property of the United States, for the Dayton aviators have sold to the government a machine at the price of thirty thousand dollars. The purchase was made in the event that the aeroplane should make forty miles an hour in the straight way speed test of ten miles from Fort Myer to Shuter hill and return and according to the record of the board of signal officers forty seven and a half miles an hour was the speed made, during a part of the flight, while the average speed was more than forty-two and a half miles an hour. The Wright brothers have been engaged to instruct signal service men of this country. They have been received by royalty abroad including the king of Spain, the king of England, and the emperor of Germany but after all it would be hardly possible to find one who cares so little for show or honors of that character as do the Wright brothers. They affect neither singularity nor superiority. They made no boasting announcements, took their time to perfect and improve their invention and adjust themselves to its demands. In no case does the personal or moral element, alertness, courage and self-control have more to do than in the management of the flying machine and in these qualities the Wright brothers are both richly endowed. No subject is demanding more universal attention at the present time than aerial navigation with its limitless possibilities and the Wright brothers have brought to America the honors of the foremost place among the nations of the world in inventions of this character.

JOHN RUSSELL REYNOLDS.

Among Dayton's capitalists was numbered John Russell Reynolds, who in 1867 became a resident of this city and here made his home until his demise in 1894. He made investment in business enterprises here and was known as a man whose kindly nature was not warped by wealth. He manifested a deep and genuine interest in his fellowmen and, appreciative of the social amenities of life, he delighted in the companionship of those whose similarity of tastes and interests rendered them congenial. A native of Mercersburg, Franklin county, Pennsylvania, Mr. Reynolds was born March 9, 1831, of the marriage of Thomas Brown Reynolds, a prominent farmer of the Keystone state, and Mary Spear, a representative of one of the leading families of that section. The son spent his youthful days in his parents' home and supplemented his public school course by study in Ballmeyer College near West Chester, Pennsylvania. He was twenty years of age when in 1851 he went to Mississippi, his uncle, James Reynolds, of that state, having sent for him. In the south he became a lumber merchant and followed that business for years, operating boats in the lumber trade between New Orleans and London. He was first in his uncle's employ but when he had saved from his earnings a sufficient sum he purchased a half interest in his uncle's plan-

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tation, which was called Southwood Lodge and was devoted extensively to the cultivation of cotton and corn. For more than a decade Mr. Reynolds prospered in his undertakings in the south. About the close of the Civil war, however, he disposed of his plantation, for his uncle had died, and he returned to New York. Moreover he had lost cotton to the value of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars at the wharf at New Orleans, it having been burned through the orders of General Benjamin Butler.

From New York Mr. Reynolds made his way to Springfield, Ohio, to visit his mother who had gone there to reside and it was in that city that he met the lady whom he made his wife. On the 6th of April, 1865, in Springfield, he wedded Miss Jane Culbertson McCoy, a daughter of Abram Smith and Harriet (Sharon) McCoy. Her father was a Presbyterian minister, devoting his life to the preaching of the gospel. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds were born four children, three sons and a daughter: Charles Maxwell, a commission merchant of San Francisco, California, who is married and has two children; Harry Newell, a broker of New York city, who is married and has two children; Thomas Brown, with the Whiting Paper Company of New York, who makes his home in Montclair, New Jersey, and is married and has one son; and Mrs. Gertrude Reynolds Andrews, of Paris, France, who has one daughter.

Mr. Reynolds removed with his young wife to Dayton in 1867 and made financial investment in business enterprises here although he was never actively engaged in business to any great extent. He became a stockholder in the Merchants National Bank and was also financially interested in the Firemen's Insurance Company for many years. He was a man of decided opinions, holding resolutely to a course which he believed to be right yet never intrenching on the rights of others to hold their own views. He and his wife were members of the First Presbyterian church and Mr. Reynolds was a man greatly devoted to his family, finding his chief happiness in ministering to the wishes and needs of his wife and children. His social, genial nature and his unfeigned cordiality made him well liked and at his death he left behind many friends who yet cherish and revere his memory. Mrs. Reynolds now resides at No. 9 West Monument avenue, and, like her husband enjoys the warm regard of all with whom she has been brought in contact.

DANIEL S. EBY.

Daniel S. Eby, successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising in Madison township, where he owns a valuable tract of land of two hundred and sixteen acres situated about a half mile west of Trotwood, on the Wolf Creek pike, was born in Preble county, Ohio, on the 30th of November, 1846, his parents being Wilson and Elizabeth (Stover) Eby. The Ebys belong to the Celts, an ancient race of people of Asiatic origin, who inhabited southern, central and western Europe. During the early ages they lived in the northern part of Italy, where they were brought from heathendom to the worship of the true God through the labors of Vaudois (Waldenses). They soon became strict adherents of that faith. While

the Roman Catholic church gained power and extended its influence over western and northern Europe, the Vaudois in their mountainous homes were left unmolested. Between the eighth and the eleventh centuries, however, they became very numerous and were becoming quite a power to resist the influences of the church of Rome which, in order to gain full sway, decreed subjection or expulsion of the Vaudois. But these people were firm believers in their faith and would not submit themselves to the laws of the Roman church. Consequently they were bitterly persecuted by their enemies. In 1560 the persecutions became so fierce that quite a number fled from their homes and went to the northern part of Switzerland, where they led a wandering life for some time, but finally settled in Cantons Bern, Zurich, Lucerne and Schwyz. Among those Vaudois who settled in the cantons we find the name Eby spelled Ebee. Here they led a God-fearing life and were rigid in keeping primitive faith and forms of worship. During the reformation they were subjected to the same persecutions as other Protestants in northern Europe. After the founding of the Mennonite church A. D. 1537 by one of the early reformers, Menno Simon, a native of Holland, these Swiss Vaudois or Swiss Protestants united with Menno Simon's party, now known as Mennonites. In 1663 we find records showing Jacob Eby ordained bishop of the Mennonite church in Canton Zurich. The state party, again gaining ruling power, laid the Mennonites open to persecution. Not wishing to resist the state power, a number of these left Switzerland and went to Palatinate or Pfalz, Germany, an old province which does not appear on the maps today. Here they resided for some time when they were again troubled by enemies for not conforming to the laws and church of the state. When William Penn offered free homes to persons of any religious denomination, quite a number of Mennonites left Switzerland, Pfalz and Holland and moved to America, settling in Pennsylvania, where they worshiped God in accordance with the Bible and the dictates of their own conscience.

Among the parties coming to America were the ancestors of our subject. Theodorus Eby, a son of Bishop Jacob Eby, ordained in 1663, came in 1715; Peter Eby, a nephew of Theodorus, came in 1720; and Nicholas Eby, a member of the same family, came more than a century later. Theodorus Eby was born in Canton Zurich, Switzerland, April 25, 1663, and, a strict Mennonite in faith, left his native land in 1704 on account of religious persecution. From that time until 1715 he resided in Pfalz, Germany, but finding persecution equally severe there, he, in company with other religious workers, left for Philadelphia in the spring of 1715. In August of the same year he settled in Mill Creek, at a place now known as Roland's Mill, south of New Holland and near the line of Earl and Leacock townships, in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He died in September, 1737. His family consisted of five sons and one daughter, namely: Peter, Hannes, Jacob, Christian, David and Elizabeth. The sons were all skilled in mechanical arts and with their assistance the father built a mill and such other buildings as were needed without employing persons outside of the family except for the purpose of burning charcoal to supply the smith forge—a process which they themselves did not fully understand. Of this family Peter Eby, the eldest son, and three of his sons resided near Litiz, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and some of their descendants moved to Canada in 1807. Hannes Eby left four sons. Jacob Eby, the third son of Theodorus, had a family of two sons, Peter

and Christian. The latter lived near Manheim, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he followed farming and reared a family of three sons, John, Andrew and Christian. The last named was born near Manheim in 1743 and married a Miss Huber. In 1770 he removed to York county, Pennsylvania. His children were Elizabeth, Barbara, Polly, Catherine and Christian. Christian Eby, one of this family, removed from York county in 1792 to Botetourt county, Virginia, and three years later, his wife being dissatisfied with their location there, they returned with their son Christian to Pennsylvania, where they spent four years. At the end of that time they again went to Virginia, where she died shortly afterward. Her husband married again and lived to the advanced age of ninety-two years, dying in the Old Dominion. His only son, Christian Eby, was married December 14, 1797, to Susannah McDonald, a lady of Scotch descent. They lived in York county, Pennsylvania, for several years, and they removed to Baltimore county, Maryland, where they made their home until 1838, when they took up their residence in Carroll county that state, near Westminister, the county seat. In 1838 they located in the western part of Montgomery county, Ohio, and some fifteen years later settled in Preble county, Ohio, where Christian Eby died December 10, 1859. His wife passed away in 1866. Both were members of the Dunkard or Brethren church and were remarkable for their integrity, industry, energy and economy. It can truly be said of them "they lived not to themselves, and though they be dead, yet do their good deeds and works still live." They had a family of thirteen children, namely: Elizabeth, John, Jane, Samuel, Susannah, Agnes, Catherine, Adam, Wilson, James, Sara, Lavine and Jacob.

Wilson Eby, of the last mentioned family, was born April 27, 1816, and was a young man of about twenty-two years when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Carroll county, Maryland, to Montgomery county, Ohio. In 1841 he married Elizabeth Stover, by whom he had the following children: Nancy Jane; Jacob; James; Daniel S., of this review; Wilson; Christian; Katherine; and Elizabeth. The family made their home near West Alexandria, Ohio, and the father, who was an earnest member of the Brethren church, died there in 1884.

In the acquirement of an education Daniel S. Eby attended the common schools of his native county and when not busy with his text-books aided in the work of the home farm. After attaining man's estate he journeyed northward in the winter seasons to purchase cattle and in 1875 he made a western trip, remaining in Colorado and Missouri for about a year. On returning to Preble county he took up agricultural pursuits and was thus engaged there until 1878, when he came to Montgomery county, purchasing the old Russe farm in Madison township. Owing to his untiring industry and careful management Mr. Eby has been enabled to extend the boundaries of the property until it now comprises two hundred and sixteen acres and in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he is also engaged in stock-raising, owning a very fine breed of Aberdeen Angus cattle. He has erected one of the most commodious and attractive brick residences in the county and is widely recognized as a substantial and enterprising agriculturist and public-spirited citizen.

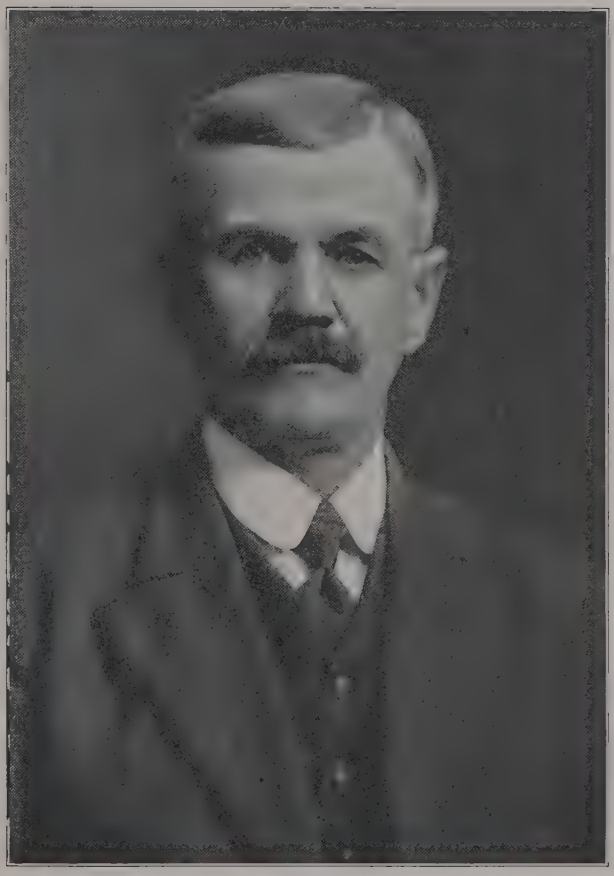
On the 3d of February, 1881, Mr. Eby was united in marriage to Miss Harriett Smith, who passed away in 1900. Her parents were John and Susan (Wolf)

Smith and the father is still living, being now one of the oldest men in Madison township and the minister of the Dunkard church. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Eby were born seven children, namely: May Elizabeth, the wife of Charles Gump, an agriculturist by occupation, now residing in Canada; Nora S., a graduate of the Trotwood high school, and has an extensive circle of friends in Dayton; Ethel I., also a graduate of the Trotwood high school, who is at home; Florence M., who is likewise still under the parental roof and is a graduate of the Trotwood high school; John Howard, who is attending school; Earl; and Walter Scott. The eldest daughter of the family, Mrs. Gump, has a child, Gladys Alberta. They now live in Alberta, Canada, where Mr. Eby also has a large tract of land. For almost a third of a century Mr. Eby has been numbered among the representative agriculturists of this county and his honorable and straightforward dealings in all the relations of life have made him fully worthy of the warm regard and esteem which are uniformly accorded him.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS COOVER.

In a history of Montgomery county and its representative citizens it is imperative that mention should be made of John Quincy Adams Coover, else the record would be incomplete, for through his force of character and upright principles he has gained the unqualified interest and respect of his fellowmen and by reason of his excellent business ability and success which he has attained has won more than local distinction.

One of Montgomery county's native sons, Mr. Coover was born in Butler township upon the farm which is now his place of residence, his birth occurring on the 13th of February, 1847. He comes from a family which has long been represented in Ohio, his grandfather, Michael Coover, being one of the early pioneer settlers of this state. He was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, November 1, 1781, and was a farmer and a minister of the United Brethren church. He was married in the Keystone state on the 14th of April, 1807, to Miss Elizabeth Shoop, also a native of Pennsylvania, her birth occurring on the 20th of August, 1788. In their family were nine children, namely, John M., Jacob, George, Michael, Samuel, Sarah, Isaac, David and William H. Rev. Coover removed to Ohio in 1829, and was one of the earliest United Brethren ministers in Butler township, while he later became one of the most influential and wealthy farmers in the community in which he resided. He passed away on the 19th of April, 1839, and his loss was a matter of deep regret throughout the district. His son, John M. Coover, the father of our subject, was born in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was a young man of twenty-one years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio. After his arrival in this state he became identified with agricultural interests, continuing to devote himself to that occupation throughout his entire life. He married Miss Mary Duncan, a daughter of William Duncan, one of the pioneers of Butler township, and after their marriage they settled on the Coover homestead, upon which they resided during the remainder of their lives. Mr. Coover gave his sup-



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port to the whig party and took a very active part in politics, serving as a member of the state legislature in 1860-61. He was a man of true Christian character whose integrity was unquestioned and who stood high in the community in which he resided. He passed away in 1876 while his wife has also been called to her final rest. In their family were three children, namely, Benjamin F., Martha E. and John Q. A.

John Quincy Adams Coover, whose name introduces this review, passed the period of his boyhood and youth upon the farm which is now his home and upon which he was born. He is indebted to the common schools of Butler township for his early education, and after passing through consecutive grades he was graduated from the high school. He supplemented this training by study in Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, which he entered in 1866, and later, in 1868, he entered Wittenberg College at Springfield, where for three years he pursued a classical course. Subsequently he went to Poughkeepsie, New York, and took a course in the Eastman Commercial College at that place. Thus well equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life he returned home and at once entered business on his own account as a farmer and stock-raiser and has continued in this line of activity to the present time. Although he has practically withdrawn from active agricultural pursuits, he owns two large farms which he has brought under a high state of cultivation and which rank among the well improved and most valuable properties of Butler township. His attention is mostly given to his stock-raising interests, in which branch of his business he is meeting with signal success. He makes a specialty of raising thoroughbred Jersey cattle and Dorset horned sheep, while he is known throughout the entire county as a breeder of fine draft and race horses. He now owns a colt, three years old, which is called Halventure, sired by Halclipper, 2:07½; dam Luella, trial 2:04. Luella's sire was Venture, whose time was 2:17¼. Halventure is now in training at Osborn, Ohio, and shows a speed of a half mile in 1:15½ minutes, which is a remarkable record considering his age and the fact that he has been in harness only since April 20, 1909. When thoroughly trained he will be placed upon the track.

In was on the 18th of June, 1874, that Mr. Coover was united in marriage to Miss Sella C. Beardshear, a native of Montgomery county, born on the 21st of May, 1855. She is a daughter of John and Elizabeth (Coleman) Beardshear, the former a native of Pennsylvania, who was born in 1814. He came to Ohio in 1822 and was here married in 1848 to Miss Elizabeth Coleman, a daughter of Robert and Mary (Van Cleve) Coleman, and unto them were born the following children: William, Sella C., Rilla M. and Emma D. Mr. and Mrs. Beardshear were members of the United Brethren church while Mr. Beardshear was a good Christian and a man of excellent moral character. He was the founder of Beardshear Chapel in Harrison township and donated most of the money necessary for its construction. His death occurred on the 20th of January, 1873, while his wife passed away July 14, 1900, and was laid to rest in the Beardshear cemetery. Their son, William M. Beardshear, LL. D., became very well known and prominent in educational circles in the state of Iowa. He was a graduate of Otterbein University at Westerville, Ohio, and pursued a post-graduate course at Yale University. He was elected president of the Western

College at Toledo, which office he held for eight years, and was superintendent of the schools of Des Moines, Iowa, for a year and a half, while for eleven years he was president of the Iowa State Agricultural College, at Ames, Iowa, filling this position at the time of his death, August 5, 1902. His remains were interred on the university grounds.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Coover was blessed with four children, namely: Winfred F., born May 29, 1875; Lelia A., born October 11, 1876; Mabel, whose birth occurred August 24, 1884; and Willard, who was born on the 24th of March, 1894. Winfred F., the eldest, attended the common schools of Butler township and later took advanced work in private, subsequently entering the preparatory department of Otterbein University, at Westerville, Ohio. After leaving the preparatory department he entered upon the classical course of the university from which he was graduated with the class of 1900. He then pursued a post-graduate course in chemistry at the Ohio State University at Columbus, Ohio, and after his graduation therefrom accepted a position as professor of chemistry in the Dubuque (Iowa) high school. He then became assistant professor of chemistry in the Iowa State Agricultural School at Ames, Iowa, was later promoted to associate professor, which position he still retains, and is now serving as dean of the agricultural chemical department. He is a member of the Iowa State Geological Survey and is on soil survey during the vacation periods, their purpose being to ascertain what soil is best adapted to the cultivation of certain crops. Along with his other preparations he also pursued a course of study in chemistry at Columbia University, in New York city. He married Miss Effie Rose Richer, of Peru, Indiana, who is also a graduate of Otterbein University. Lelia, the next in order of birth, attended the common schools of Butler township, and is now the wife of Harry Weisenborn, of Vandalia, Montgomery county. They now make their home in Clermont county, where Mr. Weisenborn is ranked among the prosperous and enterprising farmers. In their family are four children, namely, Howard, Ruth, Herbert and Vivian, aged respectively fourteen, thirteen, eleven and four years. Mabel, who graduated from high school and later attended Otterbein University, is now the wife of W. L. Waymire, the marriage being celebrated February 10, 1904. Mr. Waymire is the son of Harrison Waymire and he and his wife reside at the home of her father where the husband has charge of the work of the farm. They are the parents of two children, as follows: Frances, four years of age; and Miriam, three years old. Willard, the youngest child, passed away on the 15th of August, 1897, at the age of three and a half years, interment being made at Woodland cemetery, Dayton, Ohio.

The entire Coover family are members of the United Brethren church and are people of high moral worth, occupying a foremost place in social circles of the community. Politically Mr. Coover is a stanch republican, casting his ballot for the men and measures of that party since age conferred upon him the right of franchise, and doing all in his power to further the influence of that party throughout the locality in which he resides. He has been township trustee for six years and has also served as land appraiser. For twelve years he was president of the Farmers' County Institute and throughout his entire career has been deeply interested in the cause of education, giving to all of his children excellent

advantages along that direction. For several terms he served as a member of the school board and during that period acted as president of the board part of the time. He was influential in establishing the high school of Butler township and has always done everything in his power to uphold a high standard of education.

Preeminently public-spirited in his citizenship, the influence of Mr. Coover is always on the side of progress, reform, improvement and advancement. His life has been one of continuous activity for, recognizing the fact that opportunity is always open to the man of ability, energy and diligence, he has labored earnestly and well for the success which he has attained and he stands today as a splendid example of the power and force of honorable manhood, of earnest effort and of high principle. Mr. Coover has spent his entire life in Butler township, Montgomery county, and during this time he has remained one of its representative, worthy and honored citizens. He has won notable success in business and no man's history indicates more clearly the value and power of close application, of concentration, of earnest and honorable purpose and of wise utilization of opportunity.

JAMES C. TRUMBO.

James C. Trumbo, recognized as one of the representative agriculturists of Montgomery county, is also numbered among the respected, valued and influential citizens of the community. For sixteen years he has been actively connected with farming interests in Wayne township, making his home on a fine farm of one hundred and twenty-eight acres on section 11, known as Willow Lawn Farm. A native of Clark county, Ohio, he was born August 12, 1855, and is a son of Moses and Marie (Leffel) Trumbo. The father, who was born in October, 1828, in Pendleton county, West Virginia, came to Ohio in 1853, settling in Clark county. He had acquired his education in the common schools of his native state, and after his arrival in Clark county he became identified with agricultural pursuits as a general farmer. He was a member of the Methodist church and for a number of years served as superintendent of the Sunday school. His death occurred in 1880 and his remains were interred at Donnellsville, Ohio. His wife, who was born on the 25th of September, 1833, in Clark county, Ohio, was a daughter of Daniel and Catharine Leffel. She was married to Moses Trumbo in 1854 and by her marriage became the mother of seven children: James; Warren (who died at the age of two years); Jeremiah Denton, Ora, Mary, Ida and Gertrude. She still survives her husband but is at present in very poor health. She holds membership in the Methodist church and in the past has been a very energetic woman and prominent in the affairs of the community. The son Jeremiah Denton is a Methodist Protestant minister and is now located in Williston, North Dakota. Ora is a telephone manager at Donnellsville, Ohio, while Mary is now married and resides in Williston, North Dakota. Warren, Ida and Gertrude are deceased.

It was upon the home farm in Clark county that James C. Trumbo grew to manhood, attending the common schools in the acquirement of his education. He

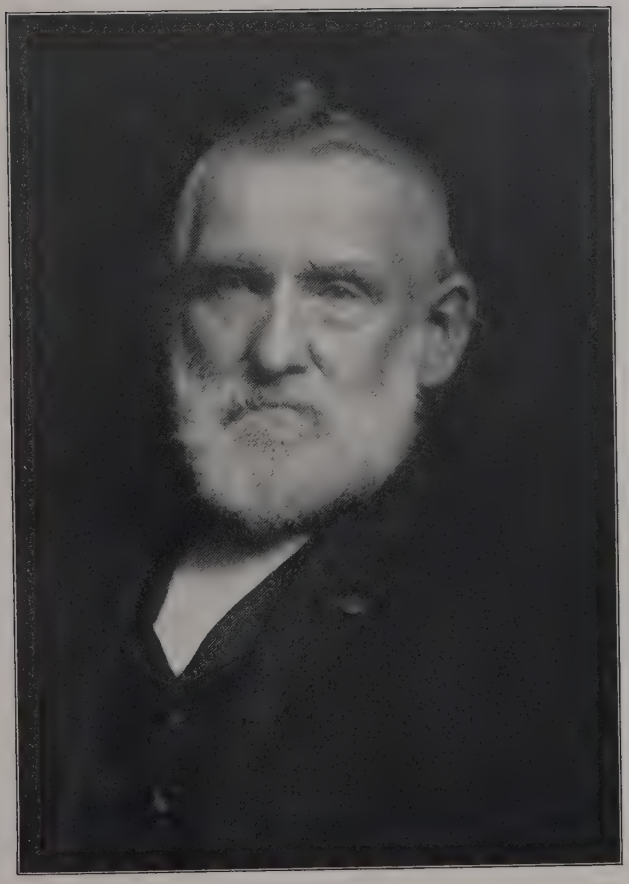
assisted his father about the farm during the periods of vacation and early became familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. Upon attaining his majority he engaged in farming on his own account, and remained in his native county until 1893, which year witnessed his arrival in Montgomery county, where he located in Wayne township, upon the farm which is now his place of residence. His farm consists of one hundred and twenty-eight acres of excellent land known as the Willow Lawn Farm, and is one of the well improved properties in the township. He engages in general agricultural pursuits and he has been very successful in his business affairs, ranking among the substantial and representative farmers of the community.

It was on the 29th of November, in the year 1888, that Mr. Trumbo was united in marriage to Miss Ella Brown, a daughter of William and Molly (Duffy) Brown. The father, who was born in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio when a young man, was a general farmer by occupation, and passed away about forty years ago, his remains being interred at Woodland cemetery, Dayton. His wife was also a native of the Keystone state, and came to Ohio in early life, where she was married and passed away in 1894, being buried by the side of her husband in Woodland cemetery. In their family were four children: Laura, Ella, May Gertrude and America, the last named being now deceased, her remains lying in the family lot at Woodland. Mr. and Mrs. Trumbo are both members of the Methodist church and are very active and helpful workers therein, the former acting in the capacity of treasurer of the official board and also as a teacher in the Sunday school. He is a gentleman of excellent repute and stands very high in the community in which he lives. His career has been a most honorable one, in which there has been not a single esoteric phase, his dealings with his fellowmen at all times commanding the entire respect and confidence of those with whom he is associated.

HENRY B. SHOUP.

Henry B. Shoup scarcely needs introduction to the readers of this volume for during the many years of his residence in Montgomery county he has become widely known as an enterprising business man and valued and representative citizen. He also deserves mention in these pages because of the fact that he is a veteran of the Civil war, giving valiant aid to his country in her hour of need.

A native of Pennsylvania, his birth occurred in Roherstown, Lancaster county, on the 31st of October, 1835. He is a son of John and Mary (Beuhler) Shoup, natives of Switzerland and Germany respectively, the former being born in 1806 and the latter in 1805. They came to the United States in childhood, at the age of four or five years. Upon their arrival in America, because of their inability to pay for their passage, they were bound out for service but fortunately their employer was a good man and they were soon able to work out their passage, the father selling bread and cakes. They were married in Pennsylvania and came to Ohio in 1838, where the father engaged in general farming. He passed away in the fall of 1862, while his wife's demise occurred in 1848, their



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remains being interred in Woodland cemetery. In their family were eleven children: Martin, Henry B., Rev. John, Elias, Fannie, Caroline, Elizabeth, Mary, and three who died in infancy. Elias was killed in the Civil war, while Fannie, Caroline and Mary have also passed away. The others are still living.

Henry B. Shoup was a little lad of three years when he accompanied his parents to Ohio, the family home being made near Canton. In 1845 he removed to Clark county but he has been a resident of Montgomery county since 1848. He attended the common schools of Ohio and therein acquired a good education that fitted him for the responsible and practical duties of life. Throughout almost his entire business career he has been engaged in the lime business and has met with gratifying success in that line of activity. In the year 1880 he moved to his present location in Wayne township, Montgomery county, his farm consisting of one hundred and eighty-one acres. This property is not only excellent farming land but is also rich in its lime deposits and here Mr. Shoup has since been continuously engaged in making or burning lime, marketing his product in Dayton. That he has been successful is indicated by the extent of the business which he does which, having reached large proportions, is continually increasing in size and importance. He averages about seventy-five thousand bushels of lime every year and has three wagons which carry from eighty to ninety bushels to Dayton every day.

An interruption to his busy career came in 1862 when, in March of that year, he put aside all personal considerations and enlisted in Company F, Sixty-first Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. This was consolidated with the Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry in April, 1865, owing to the small number of men left in the regiment. He participated in several important battles and in various skirmishes, among the former being the second battle of Bull Run and the engagement at Gettysburg. He was also with Sherman on his celebrated march to the sea and participated in the grand review held at Washington, which was the most famous military pageant ever witnessed in the history of this country. He was honorably discharged in Kentucky, August 5, 1865, and returned home with an excellent military career, for throughout his entire service he had never lost a day through sickness or injury and at all times was most gallant in his defense of the old flag and loyal to the cause which it represented.

It was on the 25th of September, 1855, that Mr. Shoup was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lewis, who was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, in 1834. Unto this union were born ten children, namely: William H., born March 21, 1858; John, July 22, 1860; Benjamin, October 19, 1862; Elias, May 15, 1866; Myrtle, January 12, 1868; Rose, June 6, 1870; Baniah, February 28, 1872; Anna, February 6, 1873; Dolly, December 2, 1874; and Maud, June 28, 1878 Rose and Baniah have both passed away, their remains being interred in Shears cemetery. The other members of the family are all married with the exception of Benjamin. On the 17th of April, 1892, the wife and mother was called to her final rest and her remains were buried at New Carlisle. She was an excellent wife, a loving mother and a true friend and her loss was felt throughout the community in which she resided.

Mr. Shoup is a prominent and valued member of the United Brethren church, of which he is treasurer, and was the superintendent of the Sunday school for

fifteen years. His loyalty to the church is indicated by the fact that for several years during his residence in Dayton he drove each Sunday all the way from that city to attend the services held at Sulphur Grove. In politics he is a republican and he has served as trustee of his township. Mr. Shoup may well claim the proud American title of a self-made man for whatever success that is his today has come entirely through his own well directed efforts, his industry and perseverance. Personally he is esteemed and honored by all men. His name is not only inscribed upon the list of those who went valiantly forth at the time of the nation's peril and faced the dangers of warfare, but, as a worthy and upright citizen and Christian gentleman, he will be honored throughout the coming years. He has just returned from Salt Lake City where he attended the Grand Encampment of 1909.

HENRY C. LOWE.

The memory of Henry C. Lowe is one cherished by all who knew him and his record remains as an example well worthy of emulation, for his relations to the public in matters of citizenship, to his employes and to his associates in every walk of life was largely ideal. He held to high standards and labored ever to reach the ideal which he set up for himself. Uniformly popular he was at the same time a forceful factor in business circles, ranking for a long period as one of the foremost manufacturers of the city.

Mr. Lowe was a native of Dayton, born on the 1st of February, 1848, and the old Lowe home was on the site of the Lowe building on South Main street between Fourth and Fifth streets. His parents were Colonel John G. and Marianna L. Lowe, the former one of the pioneer lawyers and business men of Dayton. The mother was a widow, Mrs. Marianna L. Thruston, at the time of her marriage with Mr. Lowe and had four children: General Gates P. Thruston, of Nashville, Tennessee; Mrs. Eliza P. Houk, of Dayton; Jeannette J. and Dickinson P. Thruston, now deceased. Unto Colonel and Mrs. Lowe were born two sons and three daughters and with the exception of the subject of this review all are yet living, the others being: Houston Lowe; Mrs. Charles Newbold, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. E. Fowler Stoddard; and Mrs. Thomas P. Gaddis.

In the public schools of his native city Henry C. Lowe began his education, mastering the work of each successive grade until he was graduated from the Central high school. At the time of the Civil war he was greatly interested in the events which brought on the conflict and which marked the progress of the struggle, and although but fifteen years of age when Morgan made his famous raid into the north he joined the army of volunteers that enlisted for the defense of Ohio homes and people against the intrusion of the southern general and at length put the Confederate army to rout. Later (1863) he enlisted as a private soldier in the One Hundred Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, his father's regiment. Subsequently in the continuance of his education he entered Williams College, from which institution he was graduated in 1869. He was voted the most popular man in his class and was president of it at the time he completed his course

and the same genial qualities, appreciation for the good in others, enjoyment of the pleasures and opportunities of the moment, and above all his own sterling manhood, rendered him equally popular throughout all the ensuing years of his life.

Following his graduation Mr. Lowe returned to Dayton and for two years thereafter was connected with the Dayton Malleable Iron Works in the capacity of secretary. On the 1st of September, 1872, he joined his brother Houston in the establishment of a paint business on a small scale. Under the firm name of Lowe Brothers they began business and under that style the enterprise was conducted until September, 1893, when it was incorporated under the name of the Lowe Brothers Company, with Henry C. Lowe as president. They at first had a small store on East Third street between Jefferson and St. Clair streets and sold paint manufactured by others, but in 1882 established a factory and commenced to make the paint that has given the Lowe Brothers wide fame throughout the country.

Henry C. Lowe continued to actively direct the business and to expand the trade throughout the entire period of his connection therewith. During the thirty-seven years of its existence the house has maintained an unassailable reputation. There was no unusual feature nor esoteric phase in the business career of Mr. Lowe. Through the persistent pursuit of a well defined purpose he reached an enviable position among the substantial business men, and by his colleagues for his reliability and enterprise, and by his employes for his justice and fairness in all business relations. Never did any one hear of a strike or of any dissension among the employes in the Lowe Brothers factory and few changes occurred in the personnel of the representatives of the house. The employes recognized the fact that faithful service on their part was appreciated and would be rewarded by promotion as opportunity offered. They knew, too, that their employers felt a personal interest in them and their welfare and all worked together in the utmost harmony. The Lowe Brothers had the faculty of making their employes feel that each one was to a degree responsible for the success of the business and each man in his service knew that he was receiving a just equivalent for his labors. One of the rules of the house was to keep the output at a high standard and the words "high standard" were eventually used as a trade mark of the house. With the passing of the years the Lowe Brothers Paint and Varnish Works became one of the most important enterprises of the kind in any part of the United States and the output has been widely shipped. This was the visible expression of the business ability, keen discernment and unfaltering energy of Henry C. Lowe and his brother. His course was marked by rigid honesty as well as business sagacity. His record was that of a business man whose advancement was attributable to his close application, unwearied industry and unfaltering integrity. He displayed sound judgment in discriminating between the essential and the nonessential, using those forces which are effective in the attainment of success and at all times conforming to high standards in his commercial activity.

In every relation of life Mr. Lowe made an equally creditable name. He was devoted to the welfare of his family though death deprived him of both wife and daughter some years ago. He married Miss Ella Harries who passed away shortly after the birth of their daughter, Marianna, and another almost unbearable blow came to Mr. Lowe in the passing away of his daughter about 1903. Mr. Lowe

was a man notably generous and just. This was evidenced in one clause of his will which provided that all the dividends of his stock should go to his employes for a period of ten years following his demise, one-fourth of this to be equally divided between those receiving a salary of less than one thousand dollars a year; one-half to those receiving from one thousand to twenty-five hundred dollars a year; and one-fourth to those receiving over twenty-five hundred dollars a year. He had the deepest respect and love for those who served him in a business way for they all recognized his deep interest in their personal welfare and were made to feel that the enterprise depended in large measure upon their activity and helpful cooperation.

Mr. Lowe was never affiliated with any fraternal organizations but held membership in the Dayton City Club and in the Country Club. His political allegiance was given to the republican party and he for many years adhered to the First Presbyterian church, the church of his ancestors on both sides, and was interested in its work and a generous supporter thereof. He was one of the founders, the first president and an active member of a society organized in Dayton for the prevention of cruelty to animals and children. He held friendship inviolable and was deservedly one of the most popular men in the city, having that disposition that makes friends among many classes of people. He was genial to a marked degree and the position of a man in society made no difference to him in his selection of friends. Where there was genuine worth and a similarity of tastes his friendship was given, and he ever held it as a sacred trust. Death came to him suddenly, for after a brief illness of a few hours he passed away on the 4th day of July, 1909.

GEORGE KUNTZ.

George Kuntz is still a resident of Dayton, his native city. He was born July 28, 1863, and is a son of Joseph Kuntz, whose sketch is embodied in the biography of his younger brother, William Kuntz. Our subject was here reared, devoting five years in his boyhood to the acquirement of an education in the public schools, while two years were spent as a student in parochial schools. He put aside his text-books at the age of fourteen years and entered the employ of his father, who was a gardener. He was a young man of about twenty-two years when, in 1885, he established a meat market and succeeding in that undertaking he at length extended the scope of his business by adding a stock of groceries, his store being located at the corner of Third and Clinton streets. There he prospered as the years went by and in 1893 he removed to his present location at Nos. 1113 and 1115 East Third street. His trade is now quite extensive for his establishment is entirely modern and complete in its equipment and in the line of goods which he carries. He is also president of the Dayton Grocers' Baking Company and is a stockholder in the Dayton Loan & Credit Company.

On the 7th of October, 1885, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Kuntz and Miss Ida Hochwalt, a daughter of Frederick Hochwalt, who was born in June, 1834, on the ocean while his parents were coming to this country. On reaching

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manhood Mr. Hochwalt started in the market gardening business on the Germantown pike and continued to carry on operations in that locality until he retired in 1905 to enjoy a well earned rest. The union of Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz has been blessed with four children, but they lost one in infancy. Three of the family still survive, namely: Etta, Viola and George Frederick Joseph.

Mr. Kuntz is known in fraternal circles as a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of St. John and the Catholic Knights of Ohio, in which order he holds the office of treasurer. He belongs to the Holy Trinity Catholic church and has acted as one of its trustees for the past eight years, and for the last two years has held the office of treasurer of the Holy Trinity congregation. Politically he gives his allegiance to the democratic party. Dependent upon his own resources from the age of fourteen years he is a self-made man, whose energy and diligence have brought him the success which he now enjoys.

RABBI DAVID LEFKOWITZ.

Rabbi David Lefkowitz, who since 1900 has filled the pulpit of the Temple B'Nai Yeshurun in Dayton, was born in Eperies, Austro-Hungary, April 11, 1875. He came, however, to America in early youth and his preliminary education was acquired in the public schools of New York city, while subsequently he was matriculated in the College of the City of New York, from which he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He at once entered upon educational work at the Hebrew Orphan Asylum of New York city and subsequently continued his studies in the Hebrew Union College at Cincinnati and also the University of Cincinnati. He was graduated from the latter in 1899 with the degree of Bachelor of Letters and was also admitted to the honor society, the Phi Beta Kappa.

Mr. Lefkowitz was ordained a rabbi of the Hebrew church the following year. At that time the Dayton pulpit was vacant and for six months before his ordination he served the congregation by weekly visits and upon the date of his ordination, June 17, 1900, was unanimously elected to fill the pulpit of the Temple B'Nai Yeshurun, where he has since remained. His work here has given entire satisfaction to the congregation and he has their undivided loyalty in large measure. The various branches of the church work are well organized and there is a flourishing Sabbath school attended by one hundred and twenty-five children. Rabbi Lefkowitz acts as its superintendent and personally instructs the confirmation class. In the work he is ably assisted by a number of young ladies and gentlemen who teach the younger children. In all of his work Rabbi Lefkowitz impresses those with whom he comes in contact by his intense earnestness and the people of his own congregation cooperate with him in all of his high purposes, for the growth of the society has helped materially to add strength and numbers to the membership.

Rabbi Lefkowitz is recording secretary of the central conference of American Rabbis and chairman of the committee on church and state. He does not feel any narrow racial or sectarian boundaries but is a man of broad humanitarian spirit

who has been a close student of vital questions of the day and is frequently called upon to address both Jewish and non-Jewish organizations at the orthodox synagogues and at the Christian churches. He is a most public-spirited man and during the months of 1907-08 distinguished himself by the active interest he took in the "army of the unemployed," acting as chairman of the citizens' relief committee. Moreover, he has long been intensely interested in the vacation schools and their purpose, and that he throws himself with great earnestness and energy into the work is indicated in the remark of one of the executive members of the vacation schools, who said: "Your Rabbi must take better care of himself or he will overdraw his bank account." In the winter of 1907 he acted as chairman of the citizens' investigating committee and he is the vice president of the Montgomery County Humane Society, vice president of the Dayton Vacation School Association and chairman of the playgrounds committee. He is also on the educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

On the 10th of October, 1901, Rabbi Lefkowitz was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Miss Sadie Braham, who takes an active interest in his work. They now have three children, two sons and a daughter. Endowed with strong intellect and keen perceptive qualities, Rabbi Lefkowitz in the various relations to which his work and his interests have called him has displayed a thorough understanding of each situation and an appreciation of his advantages and opportunities. He has, therefore, always sought and utilized the former and improved the latter and has made steady progress in lines of activity that have resulted most beneficially for his church and for the community at large.

JOSEPH EDWIN LOWES, M. D.

Dr. Joseph Edwin Lowes held distinctive precedence as one of the most prominent residents of Dayton, where he was recognized as an eminent physician and where his labors along other lines were of a character that contributed in large and substantial measure to the growth and upbuilding of the city. He was connected with railroad building and was the promoter of the street railway and interurban railway systems of this city. His influence, too, was felt in municipal affairs and in political circles and thus he left the impress of his individuality upon many events in public life. He was born July 25, 1848, in Onondaga, Ontario, Canada, his birthplace being an old Indian village among the "Six Nation" Indians of Canada. He represented one of the old families of the North of England, his ancestors being prominent in that section of England, which bordered on Scotland in the days of Scotch invasions. His parents were John Lowes and Isabella Bateman. They were married February 13, 1841, at Moat Hall, Irehy, Cumberland, England, and after their marriage went direct to Canada, settling at Brantford, Ontario. John Lowes operated a grain business between Brantford and Hamilton, transporting the produce with teams, before the railroads were built. Later he removed to Onondaga.

In the public schools of Brantford, Dr. Lowes pursued his education to the age of sixteen years, when, determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work

he matriculated in the Cleveland Homeopathic College at Cleveland, Ohio, and was graduated in 1867, at the age of nineteen years, although according to the law of the state a college could not award him his diploma until he had attained his majority. When the law allowed him to enter into active relations with the profession he located in Dayton and took the practice of Dr. Jacob Bosler. From the beginning his professional career was one of continuous advancement resulting from his superior ability and his close study of important problems relative to the work. He continued in practice alone until he was forty-five years of age, at which time he admitted George W. Miller, of Cincinnati, to a partnership, owing to the development of the People's Railroad Company, then the old White Line, and of the Dayton Lighting Company. He was among the leading promoters of both and after about six years he gave up the practice of medicine entirely that he might give his undivided attention to his business interests. He was chosen president of the Dayton Lighting Company and at one time controlled the electric light plant of this city, of Richmond, Indiana, and of three Kentucky towns—Covington, Newport and Dayton. Moreover, he was the father of street electric railroads in Dayton as well as the traction railroads, being one of the original stockholders of the Miamisburg traction line, now the Ohio Electric Railway Company. He also built and operated the road of the Dayton & Western Traction Company of Dayton, the Dayton & Northern Traction Company, and was just completing the line of the Dayton & Muncie Traction Company at the time of his demise. In all his business affairs he displayed an initiative spirit that gave him a position of leadership. He closely studied the situation, his keen insight enabling him to understand its possibilities, and in the wise utilization of his opportunities he reached the goal of prosperity and at the same time contributed in substantial measure to the upbuilding of the city and of this portion of the state. His cooperation was sought in the management and control of various important industries and all with which he became connected profited by his sound judgment and keen discrimination. He was president of the Wagner Water Supply Company and of the Bradley Cordage Company, was one of the directors of the T. M. Roberts Supply Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and at one time the proprietor of the Dayton Evening Press. His activities therefore touched many lines and his interests were a potent element in the upbuilding and prominence of Dayton.

Dr. Lowes was not unknown in military circles, for he served as surgeon of the Third Ohio National Guard and was with that regiment in the railroad strike at Newark. He was also surgeon general of Ohio on Governor Bushnell's staff and was active in preparing the Hospital Corps of Ohio for the Spanish-American war. He had charge of a hospital relief train, which went to all the southern posts and brought back home the Ohio boys who were ill. He received complimentary mention from the United States government on his record of not losing a man on his relief expedition and on the equipment of the Ohio Hospital Corps. He was also a member of the examining board at the National Military Home at Dayton for fifteen years and for a number of years did effective work in behalf of the cause of public education as a member of the school board. In politics he was a stanch republican and took an active part in city and national politics, doing all in his power to promote the growth and insure the success of the party. In his

earlier years he held the office of councilman and at one time was police commissioner. He was chairman of the Montgomery county executive committee for a number of years and his efforts in behalf of republican success were far-reaching and effective. He was instrumental in organizing the Garfield Club and aside from this he belonged to the Knights of Pythias and to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

In Dayton, on the 28th of December, 1868, Dr. Lowes was married to Miss Melozena Bosler, the only daughter of Dr. Jacob Bosler, whose practice he assumed when he first came to Dayton. The death of Mrs. Lowes occurred in March, 1870. Their only daughter, Isabella Bateman, born February 25, 1870, was married October 30, 1889, to John R. Mann, at Brantford, Canada. In February, 1878, Dr. Lowes was again married, his second union being with Mrs. Emma J. Wheeler, a daughter of Ira and Mary Robbins, of Union county, Ohio. The children of this marriage are: Alberta, who was born December 1, 1879, and was married October 16, 1900, to Ralph E. Deweese, of Dayton; and Joseph E., who was born November 15, 1883, and was married January 25, 1905, to Mary F. Schaeffer, of Dayton. The husband and father died May 24, 1905, at Pasadena, California. His death brought a sense of personal bereavement to the entire community, for he had been most active in its public life and had won many friends throughout the period of his residence here. Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success, and when judged in this light, Dr. Joseph E. Lowes was an extremely successful man. He founded and developed some of the most important enterprises of Dayton but it was not alone the extent of his business interests that entitled him to distinction. The course that he followed in all of his business relations might well serve as an example to others, while the spirit which he displayed in all of his relations to his fellowmen gave him a strong hold on their affectionate regard. He did much toward molding public thought and action during the years of his residence here and at all times he was actuated by high ideals of citizenship and of patriotism.

GEORGE MONROE LEOPOLD.

George Monroe Leopold, lawyer and lawmaker, whose ability as a practitioner has gained him a foremost place at the Dayton bar, was born on a farm near Trotwood, Montgomery county, Ohio, August 22, 1864. The ancestral history of the family is traced back to Germany, the birthplace of his great-grandfather who, crossing the Atlantic to America, became a resident of North Carolina in the eighteenth century. George Leopold, the grandfather, was born in North Carolina but spent the greater part of his life in Maryland and Virginia. He was educated for the ministry but in 1849 left his church work to join the great body of people who were making their way to California, attracted by the discovery of gold on the Pacific slope. There he remained until 1870, when he came to Ohio to visit his son Charles W., with whom he remained for about a year. He then returned to the west, where his remaining days were passed.

GEORGE M. LEOPOLD

Charles W. Leopold, the only son of George Leopold, was born in Maryland in 1833 but was reared in the Shenandoah valley of Virginia, his mother dying at his birth. At the time of the Civil war he joined the Confederate army as a member of General "Stonewall" Jackson's foot cavalry. He was captured at the second battle of Bull Run and, following his release, came to Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1863. Here he has since been identified with general agricultural pursuits, establishing his home near Trotwood. While in Virginia he married Miss Lucretia Lutz, a native of the Old Dominion. Her father, however, was a native of the Keystone state, his family having been Pennsylvania Dutch and in early life he removed to Virginia. Mrs. Leopold still survives at the age of sixty-nine years.

George M. Leopold was the third in a family of seven children, four sons and three daughters. His youthful days were spent on his father's farm and he was early trained to the work of the fields, lessons of industry and economy being strongly impressed upon his mind during his boyhood days. Through the winter months he pursued his education in the district schools to the age of thirteen years, when he was able to provide himself with books and other necessaries and attended school more regularly, applying himself closely to the mastery of the branches taught. His aptitude enabled him to qualify for teaching when he was in his seventeenth year and for seven years thereafter he followed that profession in Montgomery county. During this time he devoted his leisure hours for one year to the study of medicine, thinking to become a physician, but two years before he abandoned the teacher's profession he took up the study of law and read for one year under the direction of S. H. Carr, of Dayton, prior to his admission to the bar in 1892. Immediately afterward he entered the law office of Judge C. W. Dustin, where he put his knowledge to the practical test as assistant in the preparation of cases and the active work of the courts. On the expiration of that period he entered into partnership with W. G. Powell under the firm style of Leopold & Powell, a connection which was maintained for three and a half years, during which time the firm enjoyed a constantly growing clientage and was connected with considerable important litigation.

Mr. Leopold also became a recognized factor in republican circles and upon the party ticket was elected to the state legislature in 1895. There were seven candidates, three of them seeking renomination. Mr. Leopold, however, was one of the successful candidates for the nomination and at the ensuing election led the legislative ticket, a fact which indicated the confidence reposed in him by his fellow townsmen and his personal popularity. He became a working member of the assembly, serving on the committees on railroad and telegraph, elections, claims, fish culture and game. During the session of 1896, in the contested election case by which Charles Q. Davis of Franklin county was unseated, Mr. Leopold made the principal argument for the committee on elections in an address which gained him quite a reputation and from that time on he was prominent throughout the session, taking part in most of the debates on the floor. Since attaining his majority Mr. Leopold has been known as an active campaign worker, delivering many public addresses upon the vital questions and issues of the day. On his return from the general assembly he resumed the private practice of law,

in which he has made continuous progress, his ability being indicated by the extent and importance of his clientage.

On the 12th of July, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Leopold and Miss Hattie Baker, a daughter of Joseph and Mary Baker, of Lewisburg, Preble county, Ohio. She died on the 27th of November, 1907, leaving three children: Joseph F., aged twenty years, at present studying law under his father; Robert B., aged eighteen, who is also studying law under his father; and Dorothy, who enters Steele high school in the fall of 1909.

Mr. Leopold is a member of the First English Lutheran church and has been identified with a number of fraternal organizations, his social nature thus finding expression. He is a self-educated and self-made man in the highest sense of those terms. Capable of taking an impartial view of life he recognizes and meets all of the duties and obligations of citizenship and in his professional career manifests a fidelity to his clients' interests that has become proverbial.

JOHN H. SMITH.

John H. Smith, well and favorably known among those whose farms cluster about Miamisburg, Ohio, owns two tracts of land, amounting to one hundred and eighty-five acres upon the Centerville pike. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, July 20, 1833, and is the son of Fred and Elizabeth (Slough) Smith. The father came to this country from Germany, and was the first of his family to locate in the United States. He followed the trade of stone-mason and lime-burner as his life work, and died in 1905 at the advanced age of ninety-two years. The mother of our subject had passed away in 1880. In their family were seven children, namely: John H., of this review; Joseph, a resident of Montello, Pennsylvania; Levi, of Miamisburg, Ohio; Mary, the deceased wife of Frank Eckenroad, of Garglersville, Pennsylvania; Sarah, the deceased wife of Adam Eckenroad, of Wernersville, Pennsylvania; Eliza, the wife of Hiram Hultry, of Garglersville; and Thomas, a resident of Montello, Pennsylvania.

John H. Smith was a young man when he came to Ohio and settled in this county. He took up farming almost immediately and has since pursued that line of work, though he has recently laid aside the heavier duties of the farm and lives retired. In his young manhood he had learned the carpenter's trade, which he followed for a time, but later farming demanded all of his attention. In the latter work he was more than ordinarily successful and ever evinced a commendable interest in the affairs of the community in which he lived and which he served as township trustee for the period of ten years.

Mr. Smith was married in 1860 to Miss Eliza A. Gottschall, who is the daughter of Joseph and Charlotte Gottschall, the former being one of the county's well-to-do farmers. He died on the 22nd of May, 1887, and his wife departed this life October 25, 1900. Their family consisted of four children: John, deceased, who made his home in Miamisburg; Jacob, of Salina, Kansas; Eliza A., the wife of our subject; and Mollie, the deceased wife of Cyrus Urmey. Ten children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Joseph, the eldest son, married Miss Mollie

Howard, who bore him three children, Raymond, Esther and Glenna. John married Miss Hortense Menner and is the father of a son, Mark. Irvin married Miss Flora Brown, by whom he has had two children, Mary and Leonard. Lottie is the wife of James Greth and the mother of two daughters, Ellen and Maud, and a son, Lee. Maud, the fifth of this family, married Earl Leis and is the mother of four children, Mabel, Florence, Ambert and Arthur. Maggie became the wife of Frank Lucas and has three children, Josie, Lester and Paul. Jacob married Miss Ella Stine, who bore him two sons, John and Elmer. Howard married Lavina Weidner and has a son, Loran. Flora is the wife of Frank Urschel. Della, the youngest, is married to Herbert Loy.

Mr. Smith gives his religious allegiance to the Reformed church, and the many years of his life have been marked by regular attendance at its services and by adherence to its doctrines. During the decade that he was trustee of the township his constituents had no occasion to complain of the way he performed the duties that devolved upon him. In short he is a man who by hard and persistent work has won a competence and also a position of confidence among fellow citizens.

JOHN G. SMITH.

Since the April election in 1902 John G. Smith has filled the office of clerk of Harrison township. He also farms on a tract of fifty-eight acres of fine land about three miles north of Dayton, on the Needmore road, and is a man prominent in local affairs, as were members of his family for several generations back. On his father's side he is descended from the Penningtons, an old English family, one of whom, Mr. Smith's great-grandfather, was a warrant officer in King George's navy during the Revolutionary war. At Philadelphia this gentleman left his ship, married, came west, and settled in Ohio. His daughter, Hannah Pennington, became the wife of Abner Smith, our subject's grandfather, who came from Virginia and was one of the early settlers in Clinton county, Ohio. From there his son James, John G. Smith's father, came to this county, where he is still living. During the years of his activity he was a man of means and very prominent among his fellow citizens, but now he has put aside the weightier cares of life and lives in retirement.

John G. Smith was born on the old Kennedy farm, on which he worked from early boyhood, even during the years he sought for the rudiments of learning in the old Ebenezer school. On the 20th of October, 1890, he was married to Miss Rockie Hixson, daughter of Aquilla and Naoma (Lodge) Hixson. Mr. Hixson is now enjoying the life of a retired farmer, and the honors that are bestowed upon a man who was of that gallant army that fought for the preservation of the Union. He enlisted shortly after the beginning of the war in the One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, in Fulton county, Pennsylvania, and served in the Army of the Potomac, remaining in the service until the hostilities ceased.

Mr. Smith's religious allegiance is given to the Methodist Episcopal church of Ebenezer. With the Vandalia Lodge, I. O. O. F., he enjoys many a social

gathering, for he is a popular man, highly esteemed among those who know him best. His reputation as a man of commendable public spirit has been strengthened during the seven years he has been the incumbent of the clerk's office, and it is sincerely hoped that he will not soon be released from his duties.

ELDON H. KERR.

If "Biography is the home aspect of history," as Wilmott has expressed it, it is certainly within the province of history to perpetuate and commemorate the lives of those men whose careers have been of signal usefulness and honor to the community in which they reside, and in this connection it is not only compatible but absolutely imperative that mention be made of Eldon H. Kerr, one of the most able and learned members of the Dayton bar and a citizen whose activity in other directions has been of intense usefulness to his fellowmen through his cooperation in many movements relative to the public welfare.

He was born and reared in Miami county, Ohio, a representative of the James Kerr family of that locality, and came to Dayton in April, 1873, after having pursued a course in the National Normal School, at Lebanon, and also attended the law school of the Michigan University at Ann Arbor. He likewise studied law in the office of Hon. David A. Houk and was admitted to practice in 1874. After a trip west he opened an office in the fall of that year in Dayton and has been in the practice of law in this city continuously since. He at once took a prominent place at the bar and soon afterward suggested and promoted the organization of the Bar Association, which has continued up to the present time. In the practice of his chosen profession he has won many important suits. Against an especially strong and vigorous defense he won the case of Mahler versus Hecker, reported on the LXIV Ohio State Report, a case of much prominence on account of the principles involved. He also had considerable criminal practice and has gained a high reputation therein. The first case which he tried was a criminal case which he won with much credit to himself, and in the trial of criminal cases he has cleared more parties than any other member of the Dayton bar. His knowledge of the law in its various branches is comprehensive and exact and he is seldom, if ever, at error in the application of a legal principle or in citing a precedent bearing upon the case. He was largely instrumental in securing the passage of the married woman's law as it is in Ohio today.

Mr. Kerr has always taken an active part in politics as a supporter of the democracy and was twice a candidate for prosecuting attorney, but failed in the nomination. In 1891 he was elected a member of the school board and served for one term. Later he was defeated for a renomination by an opposition formed by the treasurer of the board, because the law committee, of which he was chairman, refused to recommend the payment of a bill of the treasurer, for fees for handling the school funds on the ground that there was no law for the payment of such fees. A former board of opposite politics had refused to pay this bill on the same ground. The courts afterward sustained this action. He was selected the same year, however, as attorney of the board. He has often been

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a delegate to the county and state conventions and has presided as chairman at different times. He has often been secretary or president of democratic organizations and has also been organizer of campaign clubs.

In municipal affairs Mr. Kerr has taken an active interest and has done much to build up that section in which he lives. He organized the South Park Improvement Association in the year in which he was married and which became very popular. He was elected its secretary and was afterward chosen as its president. Subsequently he draughted the bill which became a law, establishing the first park board for Dayton, and did much toward securing its passage.

It was on the 30th of June, 1887, that Mr. Kerr was married to Miss L. Cordelia Kranert, who was a prominent primary teacher in the public schools of Dayton. She has since taken an active part in philanthropic work, has been a director in the Boys' Club in South Park and in the local Outdoor Art Associations, and is a proficient portrait painter in crayon and oil. His home is one of the most beautiful in the city and is an ocular demonstration of his good taste in beautification of home surroundings and in landscape gardening.

Mr. Kerr is very fond of literature and in 1885 he suggested and promoted the organization of the Literary Union, with Hon. George W. Houk as president. Many of Dayton's best citizens were members of this union and it flourished for many years. He has written much for the press concerning political, municipal and social affairs, advocating various measures, reforms and improvements. His judgment has been ripened by experience and his opinions are at all times of a practical nature. He is a man of action rather than theory, setting to work to accomplish ends while others discuss plans. A gracious presence, a charming personality, superior legal wisdom, purity of public and private life and the quiet dignity of an ideal follower of his calling combine to make Mr. Kerr one of the distinguished and honored residents of Dayton.

J. L. TRAVIS, M. D.

Dr. J. L. Travis, a well known physician of Germantown and one of the younger generation who is making for the advancement of the profession here, was born in Butler county, Ohio, April 15, 1866, a son of Rev. G. L. and Catherine (Marston) Travis. On both sides Dr. Travis is descended from families that have played a large part in the early history not only of the state of Ohio, but also of the whole nation from colonial days. His paternal ancestors came originally from England at an early date and his paternal great-grandparents, Amos and Ann (Decker) Travis, were the founders of the family in this state. Amos Travis was born at Peekskill-on-Hudson, New York, in 1756 and lived to the advanced age of one hundred and two years, dying in 1858. His remains were interred in the Colonel Johnson cemetery, at Piqua, Ohio. He was a farmer by occupation and cleared and improved a tract of land in Butler county, this state, where he was numbered among the earliest settlers. His son, Isaac Travis, the grandfather of our subject, was born in New York state in 1814 and became a wheelwright by trade, following that occupation after the removal of the family to Butler

county, Ohio. He married Sarah Van Gordon. The Doctor's father, Rev. G. L. Travis, was a Methodist Episcopal minister, connected with the Cincinnati conference and devoted his entire life to the work of the ministry, preaching in both Ohio and Kansas.

The Doctor's mother was a native of Butler county, Ohio, and a daughter of Jeremiah and Mary Ann (Vail) Marston. Her father, who served as judge of the county court, was a very heavy landowner and as a whig took a very active and prominent part in political affairs. His parents were Theodore and Johanna (Ladd) Marston. Theodore Marston was a soldier of the Revolutionary war, serving as a private in Colonel Stark's regiment and, being captured by the British, he was held as a prisoner for some time. He enlisted four times during the struggle for independence. He was a son of Daniel and Sarah (Clough) Marston and his father lost his life serving as a captain in the English army during the French and Indian war, in 1757. The latter's parents were Simon and Hanna (Carr) Marston, who were residents of New Hampshire, where the family resided for several generations. Simon Marston, who was a farmer by occupation, died at the age of fifty-two years. He was the grandfather of Major General Henry Dearborn, commander of the American army in 1812. The parents of Simon Marston were Ephraim W. and Abigail (Sanborn) Marston, and his father was also a farmer and horticulturist, as well as one of the first brewers in New Hampshire. Ephraim W. Marston was a son of Thomas and Mary (Eston) Marston, the former being one of the prominent citizens of his locality, taking a very active part in all town affairs. He was a son of William and Sabina (Page) Marston, the latter being his second wife. He had one child by a former marriage. William Marston, the father of Thomas, was the founder of the family in the new world. He was born in Yorkshire, England, in 1592 and on coming to this country in 1634 located at Salem, Massachusetts, being one of the first Quakers to settle in this country. After residing in Salem for three years he removed to Newbury, Massachusetts, October 16, 1638, with fifty-five others, locating on the land in Winnecumet, Massachusetts, which had been granted them by the general court. They named the place Hampton and it is now included in Norfolk county, New Hampshire. William Marston died in 1672 at the age of eighty years. He was the great-great-great-great-great-great-grandfather of our subject.

Dr. J. L. Travis was reared at home and attended different schools in the southern part of the state, receiving his preparation for college at Sunnyside Academy. He entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, and after completing a five years' course there he entered Miami Medical College, at Cincinnati, from which institution he was graduated in 1890. He came immediately to Germantown, Ohio, where he at once entered upon the practice of his profession. He has been a careful physician and has won the confidence of his fellow townspeople and has in consequence built up a large and remunerative practice.

On the 5th of November, 1890, Dr. Travis was united in marriage to Miss Jennie B. McCurdy, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Routson) McCurdy. He is a member of several organizations, both fraternal and professional. He belongs to the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, and is one of the Sons of the American Revolution. In the meetings of the Foresters, Juniors and Woodmen he takes a prominent part and is interested in all that concerns their welfare. For the past

fifteen years he has been surgeon for the Miami Military Institution, in which capacity he has given eminent satisfaction. In fact in all his work and relations as a man and as a physician Dr. Travis has secured a well deserved reputation for careful diagnosis, intelligent treatment and honorable dealings. He holds the respect of the community and the future promises much for him that will come as just compensation of his labors.

GEORGE ALBERT LYDENBERG.

George Albert Lydenberg, well known in musical as well as business circles in Dayton, his native city, was born December 16, 1856. His father, John Lydenberg, was a native of Pennsylvania and was married in Harlem, New York, to Miss Catharine Adelia Schriver. Traveling westward by stage and canal, he arrived in Dayton in 1842. He had previously learned the carpenter's trade, which he now followed, soon taking up contract work on his own account. He then continued in that field of labor until his death, which occurred February 2, 1893. He is a member of the Raper Methodist Episcopal church, served on its official board and took a very active and helpful part in its work. Unto him and his wife were born the following children: Mrs. Catharine Amelia Marst is now deceased. Her husband was in the army and was killed while carrying dispatches early in the war, in which he had enlisted soon after his marriage. Wesley Braxton Lydenberg married Marianna Miller and died in 1879, leaving two sons and a daughter. Harry is the assistant librarian of the New York city library. Walter lives in Kansas City. Miriam died in infancy. Caroline L. is the wife of William W. Hackney of Dayton, and they have one son, William W. Charles Floy and George Albert are both residents of Dayton. Alfred, the youngest, died in infancy.

Reared in the city of his nativity, George Albert Lydenberg pursued his education in the public schools to the age of fifteen years and then entered the Miami Commercial College, from which he was graduated. At the same time he learned telegraphy and, following his graduation, he entered the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, of Dayton, as bookkeeper. He had filled the position for two years, when he found that close confinement in the office was detrimental to his health, and he resigned the position. He then learned the carpenter's trade and worked as a journeyman for a time, after which he began taking contracts to build houses and so continued for eight or ten years. He then turned his attention to the real-estate business in handling property for others and also for himself. He has done some speculative building and his knowledge of realty values is comprehensive and exact. He has thoroughly informed himself concerning property on the market and has thus been enabled to make judicious investments and profitable sales.

Mr. Lydenberg was married in Dayton in 1882 to Miss Jessie Fremont Christie, a daughter of William and Mary Christie, and they have become parents of five children: Miriam Alice, who is a teacher in the public schools of Dayton; William C., who married Jeannette Plummer and they have one child, Evelyn;

Kathryn Mary, who is a nurse in the Tuberculosis Sanitarium of Dayton; Russell Forest and Helen Louise, both at home.

Politically Mr. Lydenberg is a republican but, while he believes firmly in the principles of the party, is not an active worker in its ranks. He belongs to St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church and is well known in the musical circles of the city, having been one of the original members of the Philharmonic Society. He is deeply interested in preserving the classical and sacred music and in promoting a taste for that which is best in the art. His efforts have been of considerable influence in this direction and he counts among his friends many of those most prominently known in a musical way in Dayton.

THE PATTERSON FAMILY.

There stands at the junction of Main and Brown streets in Dayton, a little log cabin, which was the original home at Lexington, Kentucky, of the ancestors of the Pattersons, who are now residents of Dayton and stand as the most widely known of the representatives of industrial life in this city. The cabin was built by Colonel Robert Patterson, whom Governor Charles Anderson called "one of the earliest, bravest and best of the pioneers and heroes who made the great west." In the large volume entitled "Concerning the Forefathers," by Mrs. Charlotte Reeve Conover, there is an account given of the Scotch ancestry, which says:

"According to the 'Statistical Account of Scotland,' there are seven families of Pattersons now in Scotland whose armorial bearings show that they are related to one another. Five of these families spell the name with one 't'; one spells with two; and one with either one or two. Genealogists agree that whether with one 't' or two, they belonged together in the beginning of things. In the struggle for popular rights, the Pattersons, as a family, were always forward to take the people's side. Their cardinal principle was the maintenance of true religion, and that undefiled. Out of their ranks have stood many eminent characters in the affairs of both church and state. The motto of all of them has been 'Pro Rege et Grege'—'For the king and the people'; meaning, that with all reverence and respect for existing civic institutions, the Pattersons have always felt a sympathy for society in the mass; an interest in people who had no armorial bearings, and who stood for themselves and asked no favors of anyone. And in times when to be in the upper minority was of necessity to persecute the low majority, who knows but the Pattersons preferred healthy nonconformity to pampered acquiescence and valued their own opinions above their ancestral estates? It was, doubtless, this instinct, independent of progress, which drove them out of the old world into the new."

Members of the Patterson family departed from the Established church and with many other Presbyterians fled from Scotland to the north of Ireland. John Patterson, the probable ancestor of all the Pennsylvania Pattersons, went from his home in Scotland with his wife and two sons to Londonderry, Ireland, but they suffered cruelly from persecution there with King James II beseiged that

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town with his English troops. The whole town was reduced almost to starvation. The family included Robert Patterson, who married and had ten children, six of whom early emigrated to America. John Patterson, the emigrant ancestor, either son or nephew of the above Robert, though an old man with grown and married children, was attracted by the tales concerning the opportunities of the new world and sailed from Ireland to Connecticut, landing near New London in the spring of 1728. Several of his children had preceded him, the first of the Pattersons in this country, having settled in the northwest part of the state. John Patterson and his son Robert decided to go farther south and according to the family records, it took them two years to cross the state. They settled on the way, raised a crop of corn and then moved farther west and south. They crossed the Hudson in the fall of 1730, proceeded south through New Jersey and before they reached their destination the father, John Patterson, died at the age of seventy-three. The next move of the family was into Pennsylvania and they spent several years in Bucks and Lancaster counties, in 1738 went to York county and afterward, returning to Lancaster, Robert Patterson purchased land on Sweet Arrow creek. His three sons, John, Francis and William, were enrolled for military services in the fort companies of York and Lancaster counties. Eight of these children of Robert and Margaret Patterson lived to maturity. The number included Francis Patterson, who married his first wife, Jane, when he left the Sweet Arrow farm in Lancaster county, and removed to Bedford county. Five children were born of this union, including Robert Patterson who was born in Bedford county, Pennsylvania, March 23, 1753. History gives clear and graphic pictures of conditions of life on the Pennsylvania frontier at that day and such were the experiences of Robert Patterson.

When he was twenty-one years of age, he joined a party of young men who went to Kentucky and spent a winter at Royal Spring, now Georgetown. In those days it was customary for a man to make a claim to a tract of land by placing a number of trees in a circle around the property he desired and cutting his initials upon them. This was called a "hatchet claim." If he built a shelter of any kind he earned what was called "cabin rights," and if he cleared the land and planted corn, he then had "crop rights," which were considered equivalent to a warranty deed with all proper signatures. Early in November, 1775, he and a companion, James Sterritt, camped for a night on the north fork of Cane Run, on the site now included within the corporation limits of the city of Lexington, Kentucky. They built a cabin, ten or twelve feet square, and the initials "R. P." were carved on a tree together with the date, November 9, 1775. His daughter-in-law said: "For this and adjoining tracts and for lands purchased elsewhere for himself and others, he paid scrip and warrants granted to himself, my grandfather and others of the connection for services in Colonial, Revolutionary and Indian wars in a period of forty-seven years." In a few days, Robert Patterson returned to Royal Spring and in April, 1776, he again made his way to the Cane Run camp. It was upon the tract of land which he had previously visited that his friends, Perry and McConnell, in the spring of 1776, helped him build a cabin, which afterward became his home. It was in this cabin, according to the best authorities, that the city of Lexington was named after the battle that had just meant so much to Massachusetts and to the world. Following his first visit to

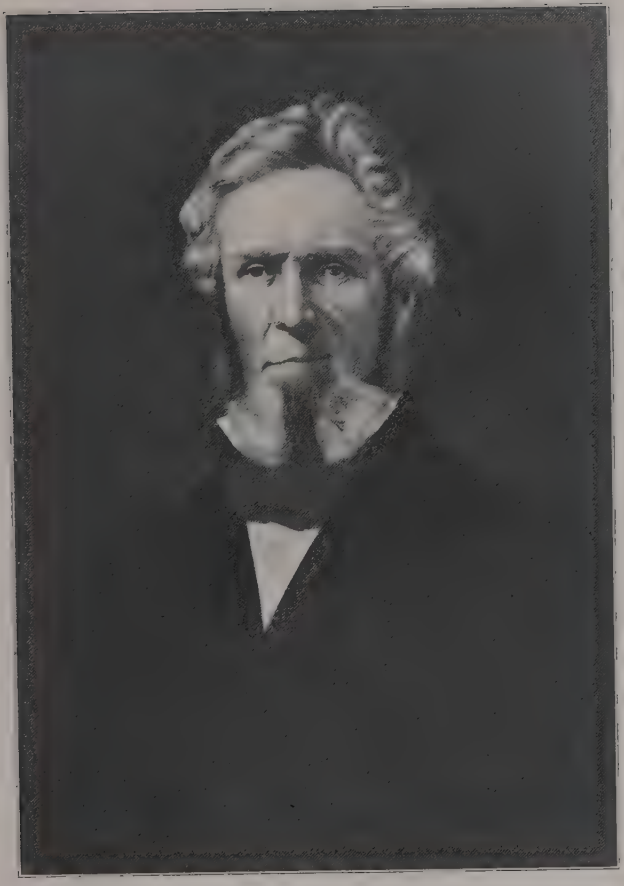
the Lexington lands, Robert Patterson led an exciting and strenuous life, for the Indians were continually on the warpath and he helped to establish the claims of civilization on the frontier. At length, he was wounded in an encounter with the savages and returned to his home at Falling Springs, Pennsylvania, to recuperate. While there, he became engaged to Elizabeth Lindsay, whom he wedded four years later. While he was convalescent his younger brother, William, made his way to Kentucky and found the claim, the corn fields and the log cabin and the trees marked "R. P." Soon he was joined by his brother, Robert, who continued in the Indian campaigns, while William Patterson planted and guarded the crops. In the meantime, he laid out the city of Lexington and in 1787 became one of the founders of Cincinnati. The following year, he accompanied General George Rogers Clarke in the Illinois campaign and was commissioned second lieutenant. He was also given a grant of land of two hundred and sixteen acres, while orders came to him from Virginia to establish another fort for frontier protection wherever he might see fit. Naturally the spot chosen by him was the place that had so charmed him on his first exploring trip into Kentucky and which with his brother William's help, had become a real home to them both. Robert Patterson with about twenty-five young men, then marched to this clearing and built a block house, which stood on the spot which is now the intersection of High street and Broadway, Lexington. When he had time to work instead of fight, he became a surveyor and there was plenty to do, because claims were taken up constantly by land commissioners from Virginia. He himself became the owner of not less than five thousand acres, which he secured at an average of about forty cents per acre. In the center of this was the little log cabin which he had built and to which he brought his wife, Elizabeth Lindsay. It is this cabin which now stands in Dayton. Around it vines had been planted and the women of the neighborhood had supplied dressed skins to furnish it. But it was very different from the stone mansion which was her girlhood home in Pennsylvania. Oftentimes she had to seek safety in the block house while her husband was doing active duty as a soldier. In 1779, he accompanied Colonel Bowman in the expedition against the Shawnee Indians at the old town of Chillicothe and the following year served as captain in General Clarke's raid on Chillicothe and old Miami; was in command of a company of Logan's regiment in General Clarke's campaign in 1782 against the Indians at Piqua, on the Miami river, and at Laramie. Colonel Logan's command camped three days at the mouth of Mad river, on the present site of Dayton. In 1786, Patrick Henry, governor of Virginia, commissioned Robert Patterson a colonel in the state line, and that year his regiment marched to destroy the Macacheek towns on Mad river. Had it not been for these battles and victories with the Indians in which Colonel Patterson was for many years engaged, the Dayton settlement would have been an impossibility. He helped win the site of the city from the red men and secure a peaceful and prosperous home for the pioneers. In the meantime, several children had come to the Patterson home until the original log cabin was too small for the increasing family and Colonel Patterson built a two-story log house in which were found more of the comforts of civilization. Later, as Lexington grew and enjoyed the advantages and opportunities of the older east, the Pattersons had a fine stone building there. At that time the old cabin down by the springs was taken to pieces and brought

to the corner of the yard and used for servants' quarters. There it stood while Lexington grow from a village to a city with tall buildings erected from time to time around it, standing there until its removal to Dayton. Colonel Patterson continued in military service whenever his aid was needed. He was present with his regiment at St. Clair's defeat in 1791 and in the war of 1812, he had charge of the transportation of supplies from Camp Meigs near Dayton north to the army. All of his later years he was a sufferer from wounds received in his campaigns. As the years passed on his landed possessions increased and came to include much of the site of Dayton. The grounds on which the log cabin stands has always been in the Patterson family and nearly all of the land in sight from this high corner of the branching roads, east, west, north and south, belonged a hundred years ago to Colonel Robert Patterson. He had altogether twenty-four hundred acres through pre-emption rights while the patent to the special quarter section on which the log cabin now stands is signed by James Madison, president, October 5, 1816. In 1795, a town was laid out and in 1796 actual settlers came up from Cincinnati by land and by boat and built their homes upon the streets named after the Revolutionary officers who founded the town. In 1804 Colonel Robert Patterson came to Dayton to live. The locality was not new to him for he had fought campaign after campaign all through this valley against the Indians and the land had attracted him by its evident fertility. In those days if the original settler wished to assign any of his property to another and it was not yet paid for, the purchaser made the payments direct to the United States government and it was thus that Robert Patterson by purchase from Daniel Cooper, became owner of three hundred and twenty-two acres and the patent from the United States government came direct to him signed by James Madison. Other tracts of land were acquired by him until his holdings were twenty-four hundred and seventeen acres.

At the time of the removal of Robert and Elizabeth Patterson to Dayton, their family had numbered eleven children: William, who was born in the Lexington stockade, January 30, 1781; William Lindsay, who was born January 2, 1783, and died six days later; Rebecca, born February 9, 1784; Margaret, born June 9, 1786; Elizabeth, born January 27, 1788; Francis, who was born April 6, 1791, and died at Palmyra, Missouri, September 11, 1854; Catherine, who was born March 7, 1793; Jane, born May 25, 1795; Harriet, born March 25, 1797; Robert Lindsay, born May 27, 1799; and Jefferson, born May 27, 1801. Their Ohio home became famous as the Rubicon farm. The log house stood in an orchard of apple, pear and peach trees and it contained seven rooms with an outside kitchen and smoke house. A sawmill was built and constituted not only one of the first, but one of the most important industries of the locality for two years. Mill and farm hands lived in cabins around the mill and cabins were also built for the negroes whom they brought with them from the south. There were no bridges over the Miami, but there were two ferries. The first bridge was built in 1819, Robert Patterson being one of the commissioners who had the matter in charge. By the time Robert Patterson had been living in Dayton four or five years, the town had five stores and three taverns and a new courthouse gave an air of distinction to it. His taxes for the first year in Dayton were two dollars and eighty-five cents. Dayton became the county seat in 1803 and improvements of many kinds were begun.

Robert Patterson soon began to add to its importance. He built the old stone mill that stood for many years on Warren street and operated the sawmill which had already been erected on the west side of the farm. He owned a gristmill, a fulling mill, a sawmill and a double-carding machine, all in complete order. The old log grist mill was destroyed by fire October 7, 1815, and was replaced by the stone mill which long figured as one of the most important industries of Dayton. The family had lost heavily through the exigencies of war and it seemed that the fire would have discouraged a man of sixty years, but Colonel Patterson manifested the resolute and inflexible spirit which was his characteristic while at once he reset to work to retrieve his losses. In 1816 he built a large brick house, the present Rubicon, on the rise of land between the Main street road and the country road, now Brown street, in the midst of a beautiful grove. Here the Pattersons kept open house, their home being continually filled with guests for they dispensed the old-time hospitality. One of their descendants spoke in later years of her mental pictures of Colonel Robert Patterson and his wife as they neared the last years of life. She told of "the slight figure of Elizabeth Patterson in a shaker bonnet and print skirt riding out of the east gate of the farm to the big road on a pillion behind her husband." She spoke of Robert Patterson "in the uniform of the war of 1812, walking at a slow pace over the farm, his back slightly bent and holding his lame arm crooked behind him against the wound he had received nearly fifty years before from a savage's tomahawk." He continued an active factor in the world's work, however, to his last days. He was one of the incorporators of the company that erected the first bridge—a covered toll bridge across the Miami—the bridge being opened for travel in January, 1819. He was greatly interested in the project of the building of a canal and excavation was in progress through Colonel Patterson's farm at the time of his death. He was a man of deep religious experience and faith and, although a Presbyterian in his belief, gave liberal help to other denominations. In the volume "Concerning the Forefathers" it is recorded:

"Family bereavements and failing health were gradually loosing the ties that bound Robert Patterson to the world. His Indian campaigns were long over and his later soldier service a thing of the past. His business interests, hampered often by his credulity and generosity, had not always prospered, and the reverses he suffered might have discouraged even a braver man. For years after being disabled by wounds, he received no pension, proudly declaring that so long as he was able to make a living he would not ask help from the government. But in 1811, being then still suffering from the wound received at the Miami villages in 1786, he did ask for a pension and got it. He drew twenty-five dollars a month from 1812 until 1819, when, by the advice of friends, he applied for arrears at the same rate from November 5, 1786, to 1812. In 1819, all his wounds had grown more painful and attacks of rheumatism, brought on by exposure, added to his disability. The hand wounded thirty-three years before was at times so painful as to be carried in a sling and he never was able to write his name except haltingly and with greatest difficulty. This is a reason for his few and short letters during the last twenty years of his life. The Colonel did not live to receive his back pay. Allowance for six years' arrears came to his executors several years after his death.



JEFFERSON PATTERSON

"Captain Nisbet spent several days with Colonel Patterson in July at his request and there were many callers from town, as it became generally known that death was near at hand. He bore his sufferings with fortitude; the endurance of the inevitable which he had learned in his young manhood while fighting for home and peace and family, did not desert him on his death bed. He became weaker and weaker, opening his eyes only occasionally to let them rest upon his 'eaver luvely Elizabeth,' who stood by his side as she had done for fifty long years. He 'babbled o' green fields;' spoke as if remembering battles and hunting scenes; at last lapsed into unconsciousness and a five o'clock on the afternoon of November 9, 1829, the gallant old soldier answered taps for the last time. The reveille was on the other side of the river, where there are no Indians, nor creditors, nor musket wounds, but the triumphs of a finished career. At the bedside of the dying man with Mrs. Patterson, were their sons Francis, Robert L. and Jefferson; daughter Catherine, Dr. Haines and other relatives. Interment took place the next day in the old Fifth Street graveyard. Twenty years afterward, his son Jefferson Patterson removed the body to the present Patterson burial lot in Woodland, where he now sleeps above the valley, the river and the town."

In 1833, Dayton suffered from a cholera epidemic and on August 30, Robert L. Patterson, son of Colonel Patterson, died at the Rubicon home after only thirty hours' illness. His mother never recovered from the shock of his death. She was then in her seventy-fourth year, surrounded by all the care that loving children and grandchildren could give. On October 22, nearly two months after the death of her son, she passed quietly away and, after a funeral service held in the First Presbyterian church, of which she had long been a devoted member, her remains were laid to rest by the side of her husband. Six children survived: Mrs. Rebecca Goodlet; Mrs. Jane Steele, of Kentucky; Mrs. Margaret Caldwell, near Franklin, Ohio; Mrs. Catherine Brown; and Jefferson and Francis Patterson, of Dayton. Jefferson Patterson, the last survivor of Colonel Patterson's children and the one who inherited the family home, was born in the stone farm house at Lexington, Kentucky, May 27, 1801, and was three and one-half years old when the family removed to the Rubicon farm in the fall of 1804. One who knew him well wrote of him:

"Jefferson, the worthy son of a worthy father, is remembered as an honorable man in every condition of his life; attentive and energetic in business, enjoying the faithful discharge of duties; observant in commercial and political affairs; courteous and just, doing a kind turn when possible; socially inclined, his first and constant aim the comfort and happiness of his family; no speculation in his make up, satisfied in managing his own business affairs.

"He was given a good business education, early acquiring regular commercial habits through responsibilities that came as a consequence of the absence of his father, during the war of 1812. At eleven, he already had farm work to do, the care of live stock and errands for the farm, but none of these duties was allowed to interfere with school and studies. Mrs. Patterson depended much upon him and when her husband was away, Jefferson remained at home with his brother Robert L., as a protection against the straggling soldiers, who were apt during these exciting times to make daily calls. This mingling with teamsters and soldiers in the camp, proved a stern but valuable education for the boys, and at

the age of sixteen Jefferson was already a man in mind and stature, thoughtful and industrious, a source of comfort and pride to father and mother. Jefferson and his sister Harriet and brother Robert, regularly attended the first Sunday school established in Dayton in 1817, which with the teachings and example at home, gave steady habit and sturdy character as he broadened with opportunities into manhood."

Everybody about the home farm had daily duties and worked, but they were also allowed hours for play and recreation. Love for fine horses and cattle was bred into the Patterson boys and to them the care and handling of live stock was a pleasant task. In his youth riding and racing constituted the chief sport of Jefferson Patterson. As the estates of his parents were settled, Jefferson Patterson came into ownership of the Rubicon farm and mills, although he did not occupy the home until 1840. In the year 1832, he and his brother took up the business of raising cattle, which proved a profitable venture, and they also doubled their profits by investing in wheat and flour, at the same time operating the mills.

In 1833, Jefferson Patterson was united in marriage to Juliana Johnston, the fifth of the family of fifteen children of Colonel John and Rachel Johnston, born 1775 and 1785 respectively. The children of John and Rachel Johnston were: Stephen, whose birth occurred in 1803; Rebecca, born in 1805; Elizabeth, in 1807; Roxanna, in 1809; Juliana (known as Julia), above mentioned, who was born August 16, 1811; Mary, in 1813; Abraham R., in 1815; Rachel, in 1816; Rebecca, the second of the name, who was born in 1818; John H. D., in 1820; Catherine C., in 1822; William B., in 1824; Margaret D., in 1825; Harriet J., in 1827; and James Adams, born in 1830. The parish of Johnston in Annandale, in the county of Dumfriesshire, on the southern border of Scotland, was the home of the Johnstons as far back as tradition goes. The "Peerage of Scotland" says that they were one of the chief Scottish clans and "a race of brave and warlike men of great authority and power on the border." The first Johnston was Sir John de Johnston, chevalier of Annandale, 1296. In 1590, another Sir Johnston was knighted at the Queen coronation. Their crest was a winged spur with a motto "Semper Paratus" (Ready? Aye, ready). In the latter part of the seventeenth century two brothers, James and Stephen Johnston, followed King William to Holland, and in 1690 went to Ireland to take possession of certain lands granted them by William III. James Johnston was the father of Stephen Johnston, who was the grandfather of Mrs. Patterson. Stephen Johnston married Elizabeth Bernard, a girl of French descent, whose grandparents had emigrated from France to Ireland. Colonel John Johnston, their son, was one of a family of five sons and a daughter and was born in March, 1775. On June 14, 1791, Stephen Johnston brought his family to the United States, the son John having come some years before. They settled in Mifflin county, Pennsylvania, where Stephen Johnston afterward died, while his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston, spent her last days in Piqua, Ohio.

Colonel John Johnston was but eleven years of age when he came to America. The volume "Concerning the Forefathers" says:

"From a brief summary of his career as a citizen of the United States, we find him to have been, from first to last, these several things: A clerk in the war

department; Indian agent for thirty-one years; canal commissioner for Ohio for eleven years; paymaster and quartermaster throughout the war of 1812; president of the Historical and Philosophical Society of Ohio; author of the article on 'Indian Tribes in Ohio'; founder of the first Sunday school in Miami county; first lay reader in the Southern Ohio Diocese of the Episcopal church; one of the founders of Kenyon College; trustee of Miami College in Oxford, and member of the visiting board at West Point. He was also an accepted authority on all Indian affairs; he was familiar with their language, religion and war habits, and his articles contributed to the Archaeologia Americana and to Cist's Miscellany in 1845 contain much valuable material relative to this decaying race.

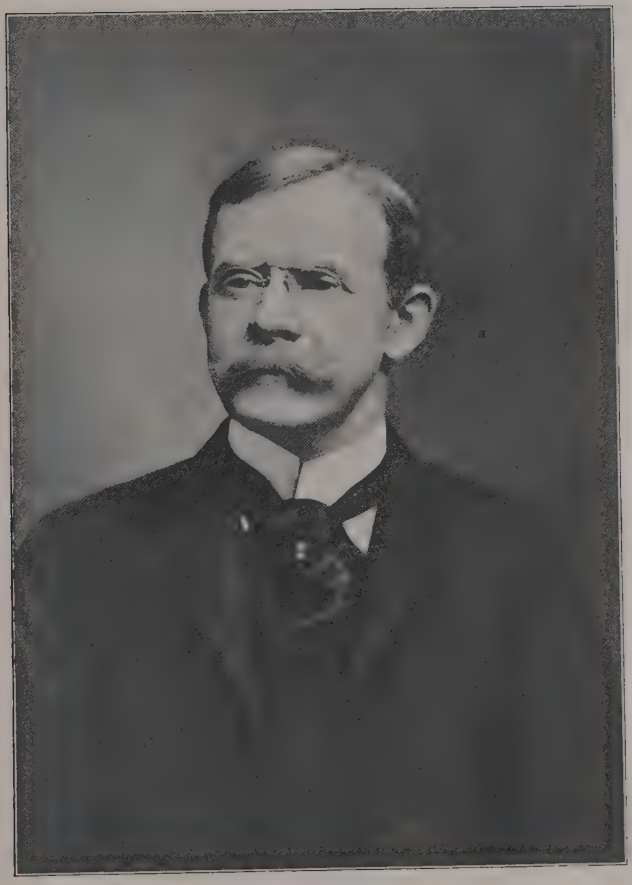
"His character may be conceived from words which he penned more than fifty years ago and which are, in this form, a lesson applicable to the more distant generation of his descendants. Speaking of the members of the Johnston family who had fought in the Revolutionary war under General Washington, he says:

" 'I humbly trust as their blood flows in my veins, that the spirit which guided them has still an abiding place in my affections; for my rule throughout a long life of more than four score years, in peace and war, has invariably been to go for our country, no matter who might govern it and this lesson has been instilled into the minds of my children, and so it was with their excellent mother who trained them up for God and their country.' "

After five years spent in Pennsylvania, Colonel Johnston, after clerking for a time in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, started for the west with Samuel Creigh, who was taking a stock of goods for sale in the Indian tribes. At the age of eighty-two years before the Pioneer Association of Cincinnati, Colonel Johnston gave a most interesting account of his experiences. His life record, therefore constituted an important chapter in the history of the west and its reclamation for the purposes of civilization. When twenty-seven years of age, he married Rachel Robinson, a young Quakeress of Philadelphia. The first important assignment of John Johnston by the government was that of United States factor, and he was stationed at Ft. Wayne, Indiana. His duties consisted of looking after the agency and distributing government supplies of food, clothing and weapons to the Indians. Of the trading houses owned by the government at the commencement of the war of 1812, the one of which he had direction, yielded the most profit—about ten thousand dollars a year. Just at the breaking out of the second war with England, he was appointed by President Madison to the office of Indian agent for Ohio, and removed to Piqua. Under his control were seven powerful tribes, comprising in all over six thousand Indians. In this position he received a salary of twelve hundred dollars a year, besides house rent and two servants. Piqua then consisted of an Indian village of the Miamis and Shawanoese, the log fort of the United States government and a half dozen log cabins of the white settlers. Colonel Johnston's residence, which is still standing in Upper Piqua, marks the site of the original Indian village. The "Early History of Piqua" says: "Too much cannot be said of Colonel Johnston's influence with the Indians in keeping them from going over to the British, and in protecting the white settlers from their molestations." He had executive ability and method in detail and his papers prepared for government inspection, show exquisite care

and neatness. All accounts of provisions to the Indians, of presents made to them and of articles purchased for the Indian department are written in a round, legible hand and can be verified to the smallest item. General Harrison was often a welcome visitor at Colonel Johnston's home in Piqua, both while he lived in the log cabin, while in the fort and after he built his commodious farm house at Upper Piqua. Henry Howe wrote of him: "He was a tall, dignified man, of the blond type. * * * No man had the power and influence with the western Indians that he possessed, and it arose from his weight of character and his high sense of justice." He continued to hold his position as Indian agent of Piqua for twenty years, using his great influence always for good and remaining a friend in the best sense of the word to the Ohio Indians. Upon the election of General Harrison in 1840, he was appointed agent to the Seneca Indians and was stationed at Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Here the previous government treaty with the Indians, which he had secured, was supplemented by a valuable treaty between the United States and the Senecas, by which they moved westward over the Mississippi river, leaving Ohio forever free to the white race and to civilization. To write a detailed account of the life of Colonel Johnston, would be to give a complete history of the settlement and development of Ohio by the white race. In his later years, his words were received as authority upon matters connected with the Indian history of the state. His last nine years were spent at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Julia Patterson, in Dayton and his figure was a familiar one on the streets of the city. In December, 1860, he went to Washington to trace his claim against the government amounting to twenty-one thousand dollars, which sum he had expended during the two years following his retirement from the office of Indian agent at Piqua, when, notwithstanding the appointment of a successor, he was obliged to furnish supplies to the Indians. He never lived to see the claim paid, however. The last entry in his journal was written on Christmas morning of 1860, and on the 18th of February, 1861, he passed away, his remains being brought back to Piqua, where with civil, military and Masonic honors, he was laid to rest. His daughter, Julia, who became the wife of Jefferson Patterson, was born in a block house inside the stockade fort of Piqua and her girlhood was passed on the frontier. Following her death a contemporary biographer wrote:

"The eighty-six years of Julia Johnston Patterson's life stretched over the pioneer period of Ohio's history to the later social life of Dayton. She saw the procession of humanity pass from the log cabin in the stockade fort to the stately and beautiful homes of today; from the forest wilderness to paved city streets; from the primitive hardships of farm life half a century ago to the present existence of luxurious comfort. She saw Indian wars and the great rebellion; the industrial development of this country revealed itself, year by year, before her eyes and she who had been born in a stockade fort and studied at a 'dame school' in a log cabin, lived to see her grandsons in a university. Her first journeys were on horseback through the trackless Ohio woods; her latest, in a Pullman vestibuled train through the state of New York. The carpets she played on when a child were woven in a hand loom at home; the lights were dipped candles and the fabrics were spun on a wheel, woven in a loom and finished with thimble and thread. From these primitive ways and manners she lived to enjoy the highest products of scientific machinery and skilled labor.



JOHN H. PATTERSON

"Mrs. Patterson was an interesting talker and loved to dilate upon these contrasts in her life and to repeat anecdotes and reminiscences. Her physiognomy was a striking one, carrying with it the impression of strong character. She wore a cap according to the lovely old fashion when age was not ashamed to confess itself and the eyes under it were commanding eyes which spoke with authority. Her white hair, soft as silk and bright as satin gloss, framed a face which was more beautiful with the lines of old age than many a younger one. She had the manner of a grande dame and stood as the head of the family to her last days; another good old fashion now gone out.

"Those who knew Mrs. Patterson well loved to recall her personality, her vivacity, her interest in all that pertained to life, especially to her own family history and connections. Whether she is remembered through the stretch of years at the farm, where her open doors and bountiful table made good cheer for her friends and her children's friends; or during the later years in her city home, where she accepted her increasing age as did the patriarchs of old, with dignity and serenity, Mrs. Patterson will be a beautiful memory; for she was a fine gentlewoman, a devoted and generous mother, a firm friend and a true Christian."

The eldest son of Jefferson and Juliana Patterson, Robert Patterson, was born November 27, 1833. In the spring of 1840, they removed from the Jefferson street house, where they had taken up their abode at the time of their marriage, to the Rubicon farm, which continued to be the family home through the life time of Jefferson Patterson. He gave his attention to the control of extensive agricultural interests and of other business affairs, which were capably and profitably conducted. He was most active in the organization of the first Montgomery County Agricultural Society and this revived his own interests in well bred cattle and horses. With the determination to restock Rubicon farm, he took a trip to Kentucky. Thus early inheriting his father's tastes, he found among the wide acres of the homestead farm abundant opportunity to indulge them, and became recognized as one of the leading stock breeders of the state and at the same time stimulated the interests of others through his efforts in the Montgomery County Fair Association, which held its first meeting in October, 1850. As was always the custom with the Patterson household, each member had his duties to perform, for it was the belief of the father that the sons should be well trained for business life and the daughters as carefully educated in the work of the household. Each child had an appointed share of household labors, all controlled and directed by the mother, herself a constant example of untiring industry and faithfulness. The Rubicon farm was very noted for its generous hospitality, the same spirit being manifest during the occupancy of Jefferson Patterson and his family as had been evidenced when his father, Colonel Patterson, was at the head of affairs there. The place was a familiar rendezvous for the many friends of the family and its entertainments became the standard of hospitality throughout this section of the state.

It was but natural that Jefferson Patterson, prominent as he was in the business and social life of the community, should also be called to public activity. In the opening years of the Civil war, he was sent to the state legislature and while attending the general assembly of 1862-63, the whole care of the farm and family devolved upon his wife, for the two oldest sons, William and Robert had

gone to the war. Sorrow and joy had come into her life, as in all others, as death and birth and social events had succeeded one the other, but the greatest sorrow that ever befell Mrs. Patterson came when she lost her husband, who died in Columbus while attending a session of the general assembly, March 23, 1863. Within twenty-four hours, the eldest daughter Kate, died on Mt. Auburn, Cincinnati, where she had been attending school. Perhaps no better estimate of Jefferson Patterson can be given than in the words of one who knew him well and said:

"The life and character of Jefferson Patterson may be briefly told. His life was innocence and his end was peace. His traits of character were few, simple and clear. There was indeed much in him that was so unpretending as to escape casual or careless observation, but in all his life and character, to one who did observe, there was nothing mixed or dubious; for he was honest, sincere, truthful, amiable, sensible and affectionate. He was all this always without a thought of any effect. He did not utter his thoughts or enact his deeds as a matter of interest or design, but they each and all flowed forth from his nature as frankly and freely as a stream from its fountain.

"The writer of this tribute to his memory has known him long and most intimately in all the relations of his life and yet he never, in a single instance, knew him to do, or seem to wish to do, an act by which he could gain the least advantage in business over another, nor to be angered toward any person under any provocation. So charitable was he as not to slander the good name or wound the feelings of any person, and so truthful and guileless as not, under any temptation of interests or vanity, to state an untruth even in implication. For the rest, who was firmer or warmer through years of misfortunes than Jefferson Patterson to his many friends? In their afflictions who came sooner or tarried longer to aid and console them? And at his own home no citizen could with more open hand and welcome board and happy heart, dispense the joys of their frequent hospitalities, than did he and his now bereaved consort. This is strong praise, but it is nevertheless true, and it is pleasant to believe that the very many men and women who knew him as 'Uncle Jefferson' will perceive and admit its truthfulness.

"There was another general characteristic of this man which may not have been so commonly understood. He was not merely just and conscientious to an unusual degree, but he was most fixed in his purposes and plans. Indeed, more than any one we ever knew, he realized what the poets describe 'Justum et tenacem propositi virum.' To all these private and usual virtues, he added that crowning glory, 'a true and faithful patriotism.'"

In 1868, Mrs. Patterson removed to Dayton, living on West Third street, near Wilkinson, until her death, May 29, 1897. No mother ever had more devoted children or was more devoted to them and when she passed away it was to leave a gap never to be filled.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Patterson were born the following named: Robert, born November 27, 1833; John Johnston, who was born in 1835, and died in infancy; Rachel Robinson, who was born in 1837, and died in infancy; William Lindsay, who was born April 1, 1839, and died 1865; Elizabeth Jones, born January 20, 1841; Stephen Johnston, born December 20, 1842; John H., born De-

cember 13, 1844; Catherine Phillips, born December 29, 1846; Francis J., born June 15, 1849; Arthur Stewart, born June 20, 1852; and Julia W., born March 15, 1857. Elizabeth, called Lizzie, died of cholera when only eight years old.

Captain Robert Patterson, the eldest son of the family, spent his youthful days in the parental home and shared with the family in the tasks necessary to the development of the farm and the conduct of the business along progressive and modern lines. At the outbreak of the Civil war, then twenty-eight years of age, he entered military service in defense of the Union and was commissioned second lieutenant of the Eleventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He remained in the service the entire term of three months, organizing and drilling at Camp Dennison. In the fall of 1861, he again enlisted, joining the famous Fremont Body Guard. He was commissioned second lieutenant and went into his first battle at Springfield, Missouri. He was mustered out with his command in St. Louis in 1862 and the next year he once more joined the army and was made a sergeant of the Sixty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. In November of that year, he was commissioned second lieutenant, was appointed regimental adjutant in January, 1863, and when the Sixty-first "veteranized" was raised to the rank of captain in 1864. In March of the following year the regiment was consolidated with the Eighty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry at Greensboro, North Carolina, and he was transferred to the command of Company I, in the Eighty-second. On the 24th of July, 1865, he was mustered out with his regiment at Louisville, Kentucky. He had been a gallant, faithful and loyal soldier, connected with the army almost continuously for four years and at the battles of Chancellorsville and at Bentonville, he sustained severe wounds. In recognition of his loyal services, he was elected a member of the First Class of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States by the commandery of Ohio, February 3, 1897. He continued a resident of Dayton until his death, June 4, 1901, and like others of the family bore active and helpful part in promoting the material development of the community and in upholding its political, legal and moral status.

After the war Captain Patterson settled at Warwick, Wisconsin, where he acted as superintendent of a lead mine, and there in March, 1868, he was married to Mary Thomas, of that place. She was born at Red Ruth, England, May 4, 1844, and their children are: Robert Patterson, Jr., born near Mineral Point, Wisconsin, April 7, 1869; Frank Patterson, who was born near Mineral Point, Wisconsin September 7, 1870, died at Dayton, Ohio, December 29, 1891; John Johnston Patterson, born near Mineral Point, Wisconsin, December 26, 1876, married Edith McClure; Katherine Johnston Patterson, who was born near Mineral Point, Wisconsin, June 13, 1878, married Edward Watts Davies in 1900; Mary Thomas Patterson, born at Dayton, Ohio, June 6, 1881, married Frank Pritz Hilt in 1909; and Jefferson Stuart Patterson was born at Dayton, Ohio, June 1, 1882. Captain Patterson continued at Warwick until 1881, when he returned to Dayton and was connected with the National Cash Register until his death. In memoriam the Loyal Legion said of him:

"A warm friend and always interested in the fortunes and misfortunes of old soldiers. He was a devoted attendant of the National Encampment of the G. A. R., until he became totally blind during the last two years of his life. This

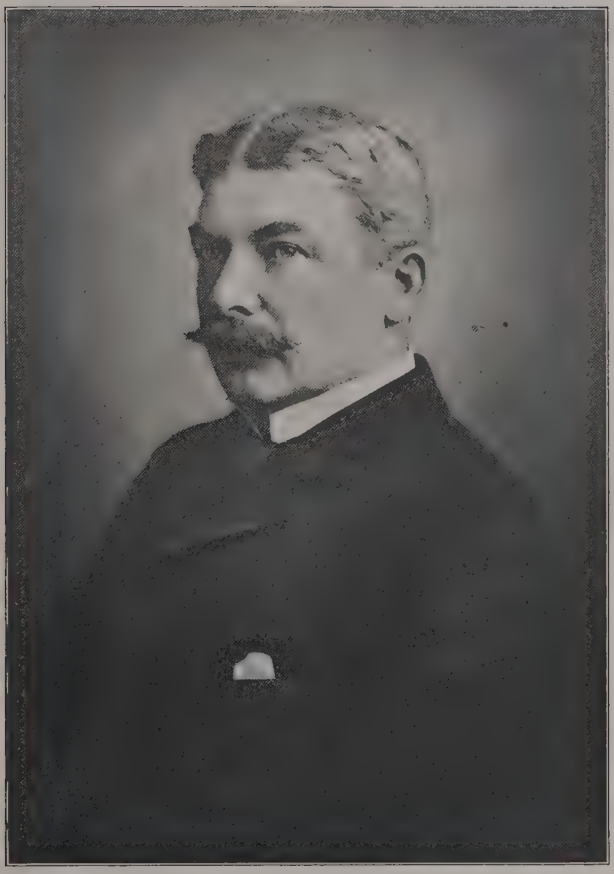
great affliction he bore manfully, continuing to discharge his duties at the factory until he was stricken with apoplexy, and died, while making his daily round.

"A sturdy, manly character, he will not be easily forgotten by those who have seen his erect carriage, as leaning on the arm of his son, with 'eyes to the front,' though seeing nothing, he walked from his house to his business."

WILLIAM LINDSAY PATTERSON, born April 1, 1839, in the Jefferson street home, was educated in the public schools of Dayton. In April, 1861, he enlisted for three months service in the Civil war, as a private in the First Regiment of Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He became sergeant and served in that office at Vienna Cross Roads and Bull Run; then he re-enlisted for three years in the same regiment; was commissioned lieutenant and for gallant and meritorious services, he was promoted to a captaincy, serving until the close of the war, when he was mustered out. He was selected to present the flag staff, flag and fife of his company to be deposited in the archives at the capitol in Columbus, but in recognition of his valour and efficient military services, he was presented with them as his own property. He retained only the brass eagle, giving the flag, staff and fife to the state. This brass eagle, now in possession of the family, was carried through the most important battles of the war, from Shiloh, April 7, 1862, to Chattahoochie River, July 6, 1864.

William Patterson never was married. He died soon after the close of the war of diseases contracted in the service and was buried with military honors in Woodland cemetery in Dayton, Ohio.

On a farm just outside of the city limits of Dayton, on the 20th of December, 1842, occurred the birth of STEPHEN JOHNSTON PATTERSON, now actively engaged in the development of rich coal resources. As a mine owner and dealer, he is closely associated with the coal trade and to this position of business prominence he has attained through his own efforts. His youthful days were not characterized by events of unusual importance. In fact his boyhood was spent in the manner of most farm lads, the district schools affording him his early educational privileges, while he received ample training in farm work. Later he had the opportunity of attending Miami University at Oxford, but while pursuing his studies there, he put aside his text-books that he might respond to his country's call for troops, enlisting in April, 1862, as a private of Company A, Eighty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, with which he served for four months in the mountains of West Virginia. He was then mustered out at White Sulphur Springs, Ohio. On his return home, he resumed the work of the farm, in which he was busily engaged until twenty-six years of age, when, feeling that broader business opportunities might be obtained in the city, he came to Dayton, in 1868, accompanied by his widowed mother, and entered the coal business as a retail dealer. Applying himself closely to the work of building up a substantial trade he was, at the end of fifteen years, able to engage in mining coal as an operator, while previously, in 1876, he had become a factor in the wholesale trade. From time to time, he has made investments in mining property and is now the owner of rich coal fields in Jackson, Ohio, and West Virginia. In fact he is one of the leading operators and dealers in this part of the state, being president of the Weyanoke Coal & Coke Company of Mercer county, West Virginia, president of the Gulf Coal Com-



F. J. PATTERSON

pany of Raleigh county, West Virginia, and president of the Tom Corwin Coal Company of Jackson county, Ohio, besides other interests of minor importance.

On the 12th of June, 1879, Mr. Patterson was married in Madison county, Ohio, to Miss Lucy A. Dun, a daughter of R. G. Dun. Their children are: Robert Dun, born January 21, 1881, married to Henrietta Lowe; Julia Johnston, born June 21, 1883, married to Turner Morehead; and Anne Love, born July 21, 1886. Mr. Patterson stands now in the prime of life a strong man, strong in his honor and his good name, in his ability to plan and to perform. Gradually throughout his business career he has extended his interests until they have reached extensive proportions.

Francis J. Patterson, born June 15, 1849, on the Rubicon farm south of Dayton. He was married June 4, 1890, to Julia Shaw and their children are: Jefferson, born May 14, 1891; Mary Perrine, born March 22, 1894; and Frank Stuart, born September 3, 1896. As a boy, Frank Patterson attended the public schools of Dayton and for a time was a pupil at St. Mary's Institute. His education was completed at Dartmouth College and upon his return to the home of his boyhood, he became a business man, for which career he was splendidly qualified. Together with his brother John H. he engaged in the coal business and in the management of mines in southeastern Ohio. During these years, his attention being directed to an arrangement for recording sales, the idea came to both brothers that such a machine could be of immense value in the business world. The venture was a rash one in the opinion of many friends, but the far-seeing commercial faith of the Pattersons triumphed and now the product of their acumen is seen in every country in the world. While John H. pushed the manufacture and sale of the Cash Register to such large results, it was Frank J. whose clear mind, attention to detail, and judicial character made the indispensable factors in the success of the concern. Incorporated in 1884 as the National Cash Register Company, the business and it development constitutes the most important chapter in the industrial history of Dayton. Frank Patterson was a large stock holder and vice-president of the company for a number of years, the association terminating only on his death, July 4, 1901.

Julia Wingate Patterson, born March 15, 1857, married Joseph Halsey Crane, April 24, 1883. Her children are: Joseph Graham Crane, born April 29, 1884; Jefferson Patterson Crane, born May 11, 1885. Joseph Halsey Crane was the son of Joseph Graham Crane, who was the son of Joseph Halsey Crane, who was the son of Colonel William Crane of the Continental army under General Washington. Joseph Graham Crane was a colonel in the United States army and served throughout the Rebellion in the Army of the Potomac. Joseph Halsey Crane's mother was Sarah S. Schenck, a daughter of Rear Admiral James F. Schenck, of the United States navy, and a niece of General Robert C. Schenck, who was minister to England during President Grant's first administration.

John H. Patterson. While through more than a century the various members of the Patterson family have borne active, helpful and important part in the upbuilding of Dayton, in the utilization of the natural resources of the country and in the improvement of the city along many lines, by the consensus of the public opinion, John H. Patterson stands foremost in the work that has been most beneficial to Dayton. In his life splendid business ability and executive force are

well balanced factors. Born in 1844, he passed through consecutive grades of the Dayton district and high schools and was then afforded the advantages of a college course at Dartmouth, from which he was graduated with the class of 1867.

On the 18th of December, 1888, in Brookline, Massachusetts, by the Rev. Howard N. Brown, Mr. Patterson was united in marriage to Katharine Dudley Beck, who was born at Eastham, Massachussets, a daughter of Frederick and Lucy (Doane) Beck. By her marriage, she became the mother of two children: Frederick Beck, born in Dayton, June 22, 1892; and Dorothy Forster, born October 27, 1893. The wife and mother passed away June 11, 1894, and was laid to rest in Woodland cemtery.

The business career of John H. Patterson is a most notable one. In his youthful days, he worked his father's saw and gristmill and following the completion of his education in Dartmouth College, he acted as collector of tolls on the Miami canal from 1867 until 1870. Subsequently he engaged in the retail coal business in Dayton and afterward became interested in coal mining in Jackson county, Ohio. He was manager for the Southern Ohio Coal Company for several years and in connection with his mining interests, he conducted a general store for supplying the miners. He found after three years business, though he had sold large quantities of goods, the profits had been very small. He felt that there was reason for this—that all the returns of the sales did not come to him. Hearing of cash registers he ordered two by telegraph. It is a strange coincidence that these were the first ever sold to retail stores. They were very crude affairs and did nothing more than punch holes in a roll of paper and indicate the amount of a purchase to the customer. Almost immediately after their installation in the store, however, the daily receipts of Mr. Patterson increased and he became convinced that what was good for his store would be a good thing for every other retail establishment in existence. It was thus that he became interested in a business which he purchased in 1884, and which under his guidance has become one of the most extensive manufacturing enterprises of the world.

The first cash register was invented in 1879 by Jacob Ritty, a retail merchant of Dayton. While on his way to Europe, Mr. Ritty noticed in the engine room of the vessel a recorder on a propellor shaft. He was worried about trusting his business to his clerks while away and wondered why a small contrivance could not be made to record sales in his stores. He, therefore, shortened his stay abroad, returned to Dayton and built the first cash register, resembling somewhat an old parlor clock. It was not practical, however, and was never marketed. Later an indicator was substituted for the dial and thus was inaugurated an idea which through development has produced the cash register of today. Mr. Ritty after placing his machine in his own store began the manufacture of cash registers but, owing to his lack of capital, sold his invention to the National Manufacturing Company. In 1882 John H. Patterson became connected with the company, was chosen a director and after purchasing the controlling interests he and his brother, Frank J. Patterson, organized the National Cash Register Company, of which he has since been the president and manager. Business was begun with a paid up capital of fifteen thousand dollars. The register has been improved by tedious and laborious yet natural transitions until it has developed into a perfect piece of mechanism.

In 1886 the capital stock was increased to a hundred thousand dollars. In 1888 a large brick building was erected and since that time the capacity of the plant has been continually increased. The cash register mechanism is one of Dayton's contributions to the inventions, utilities and industries of the world. The Patterson brothers, on becoming proprietors of the enterprise, bent their energies to the extension of the markets and organized the personnel of the company's employes with unflagging zeal and ability which can be only known and recorded by its results. Today the present capital stock is ten million dollars and they have thirty-four acres of floor space used solely to manufacture National cash registers. The main factory is at Dayton, but there are branch factories in London, Berlin and Toronto, Canada, while the executive offices are at the corner of Twenty-eighth and Broadway, New York city. In these various factories and office about five thousand people are regularly employed and in addition there are over a thousand men in the various sales offices in all parts of the world. The company has twenty-eight thousand, five hundred patent claims and fifteen hundred and seventy patents. They have sold over seven hundred and fifty thousand National cash registers and have a daily output of three hundred and fifty or one for each minute and a half. About one-third of the output goes to foreign countries. The cheapest cash register manufactured is sold for fifteen dollars and the most modern and highly improved on the market today brings seven hundred and ninety dollars.

Mr. Patterson has written largely on important questions and municipal and legislative reform, and no one man is more competent to speak with authority upon such subjects for he has proven the practicability of his theories and has demonstrated the worth of his work. It is said that there is no factory in the world which shows as high an average of intelligence on the part of its employes, where there is such a degree of harmony, with the absence of all friction, jealousy and strife that leads to labor troubles. After an exhibit at the Paris Exposition of 1900 of his company's industrial enterprise and especially of his efforts for the benefit of his employes, John H. Patterson received the decoration of Legion of Honor from the French government.

Mr. Patterson always gives full credit to the able corps of assistants and employes that he has drawn around him for the success of the mammoth enterprise of which he is today the head. It is said of him that he never forgets a friend, and the playmates of his youth, the associates of his early manhood, those with whom he labored in his early days of mining and mercantile experience and those with whom he has been associated with the control of a gigantic enterprise have been alike remembered through all the years with their added responsibilities and honors. Characteristic of Mr. Patterson was his entertainment of his old schoolmates at his beautiful home at Far Hills. On the 17th of November, 1906, he held a reunion there of the old pupils of the brick schoolhouse that used to stand at the junction of Main and Brown streets, where the Patterson log cabin is now to be seen. It was an occasion never to be forgotten by any who participated therein. With an absence of all formality, the friends and associates of long ago, now men and women in various walks of life, gathered on this occasion and the afternoon was spent in delightful reminiscences and in other ways of entertainment provided by the host. One of the most cherished features of the occasion was a souvenir volume presented by Mr. Patterson to his schoolmates. It contains a group picture of those

who were present at the reunion, together with views of the school and reproductions of photographs of many of the pupils who attended there during his boyhood days.

One of the most remarkable of Mr. Patterson's characteristics is the ability to grasp new ideas and put them into practice. No plan, however large and apparently visionary, ever daunted him. He has been continually on the search for the best suggestions and the best expert opinion. Gathering them up from books or from men and things he welded them together in his own mind and suddenly the finished product sprang into actual existence. In every venture he "went one better" than the man who had at first attempted it. While slower minds were considering and asking questions he was already putting the new scheme into practice. This initiative and compelling power were great incentives to younger men whose ambitions he roused by his example of energy and will. Like his grandfather Colonel Robert Patterson, he is a born worker and a born fighter.

CHARLES L. G. BREENE.

Charles L. G. Breene, enterprising and progressive, is conducting a large and growing merchant tailoring business in Dayton, his native city. The year of his birth was 1858, his parents being William Gale and Margaret (Journee) Breene. The father was born in County Clare, Ireland, in 1815 and in his youthful days came to America, remaining for a time in New York city, after which he removed westward to Dayton, which was then a small and comparatively inconsequential town, having a population of only a few thousand, while many districts of the state were largely uninhabited. He bought out a merchant tailor shop for eight dollars at the southwest corner of Second and Main streets and, bending his energies toward the development of a trade, he secured a constantly growing patronage, which increased with the growth of the city and which he handled in profitable manner up to the time of his death in 1895. He had been married in New York city to Miss Margaret Journee and unto them were born nine children, seven of whom are living. The wife and mother departed this life in 1896, and the father about one year later. Mr. Breene was a member of the Masonic fraternity in hearty sympathy with the underlying principles of the craft. He enjoyed the friendship and regard of all with whom business and social relations brought him in contact for his life displayed those sterling qualities of manhood which in every land and clime awaken honor and good will.

Charles L. G. Breene, who was the seventh in order of birth in his father's family, spent his youthful days under the parental roof and at the usual age entered the public school. He likewise attended the Miami Commercial College and was thus trained for the onerous duties of the business world. He put aside his text-books at a comparatively early age that he might learn the tailor's trade under the direction of his father, William G. Breene, and on his father's retirement in 1874 he and his brother William H. Breene established a merchant tailoring business under the firm name of Breene Brothers, thus continuing from 1875 until 1884. The brother then passed away and since his death Charles L. G

Breene has been alone in business. For more than seven decades the name of Breene has figured prominently in connection with this line of business in the city and in fact has ever been a synonym for high class workmanship and for high commercial integrity.

In 1890 in Dayton was celebrated the marriage of Charles L. G. Breene and Miss Stella B. Wise and unto them has been born one son, Gale Breene. Neglecting no duties of citizenship Mr. Breene votes with the democracy and yet does not seek the honors and emoluments of office. He is identified with several fraternal organizations, being an Elk, an Eagle and an Owl. He likewise belongs to the Vingt Et Un Club, the Country Club, the Dayton City Club and the Bicycle Club. These are among the leading social organizations of the city, indicating Mr. Breene's standing among those who are prominent in the life of Dayton. His business ability is pronounced, his energy leading him constantly forward, while his capable direction and management of his affairs are manifest in the success which attends his establishment.

JONATHAN HARSHMAN, JR.

Jonathan Harshman, Jr., was born in Harshmanville, Montgomery county, Ohio, February 15, 1812, and died in Dayton, Ohio, December 25, 1876. His grandfather, Christian Harshman, (sometimes spelled Herschman) was born in Germany, April 22, 1744, and died October 26, 1816, in Frederick county, Maryland.

His father, Jonathan Harshman, Sr., was born in Frederick county, Maryland, December 21, 1781, and died in Harshmanville, March 31, 1850. He was a miller, farmer, shipper, merchant and banker, a very successful man and left a comfortable fortune to each of his eight children.

The subject of this sketch was married October 4, 1836, to Abigail, daughter of John Hivling, a prominent citizen of Xenia. Their children were Martha, who married Thomas O. Lowe; George, who married Julia Deuel; Susan, who married Oswald Cammann, of New York. Two others, Charles and Mary, died before their parents.

Jonathan Harshman, Jr., went to Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, when thirteen or fourteen years old and after leaving there followed his father in milling, farming and banking and added largely to his inherited wealth, but lost it all on Black Friday, 1873.

In 1852 he formed a co-partnership with Valentine Winters, James R. Young and Robert R. Dickey for the purpose of carrying on a general banking business in the city of Dayton under the firm name of Harshman, Winters & Company. Robert R. Dickey and James R. Young soon retired from the firm and the name was then changed to Harsman & Winters and afterward called the Exchange Bank. In 1857 he sold his interest in the firm to his partner and in 1860 the banking house of Harshman & Company was formed, which in 1863 was merged into the Second National Bank, of which he was president. Shortly after he and his brother Joseph Harshman formed the banking house of Harshman & Company

and also owned mills at Osborn, Ohio, and did a large business in shipping grain and flour.

During the first years of the late Civil war he always honored certificates of deposit regardless of the strict letter of legal obligation. For instance if there had been placed upon the certificate a memorandum merely which indicated gold or silver or both as was often the case although the body of the draft contained no sign of coin and the premium on gold at that time was fifty to one hundred per cent, he honored the draft. He was interested with Valentine Winters and E. H. Drake in building and equipping the first railroad in Minnesota in 1862.

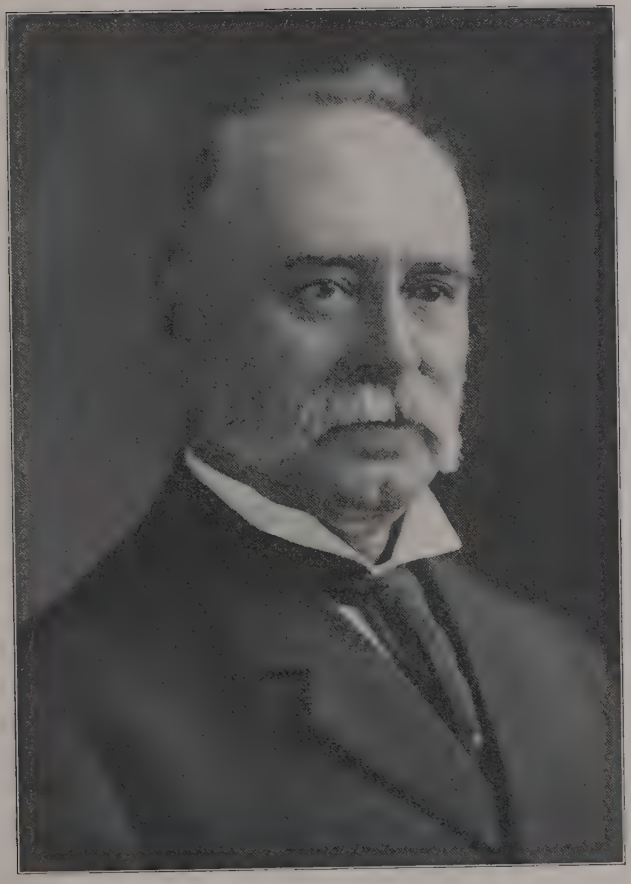
He was elected county commissioner in 1864. He was a great Bell and Everett man. He was much interested in the First Presbyterian church and was a great friend of some of the well known pastors of that church, particularly the Rev. P. D. Gurley, who after leaving Dayton went to Washington and was pastor of the church which Abraham Lincoln attended and was with Lincoln when he died. He was a man of irreproachable morals, great kindliness of disposition, of broad views and generous impulses, a kind and loyal friend and was highly esteemed by his fellow citizens.

HENRY HOLLENCAMP.

There is no royal road to wealth, and, as an eminent New York financier has expressed it, "If you would win success you must be willing to pay the price—the price of earnest, concentrated effort and unwearied industry and perseverance." Realizing this fact at the outset of his business career, Henry Hollencamp has built his success along the lines indicated and is today widely known as a leading merchant tailor and clothier of Dayton, Ohio. Cincinnati claims him among her native sons, for his birth occurred there October 31, 1850.

The father of our subject was born at Ankum, Hanover, Germany, June 17, 1818. He emigrated to America in 1840 and landed at New Orleans. Later he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was married to Mary T. Wellmeier on October 23, 1849. In 1851 he removed to Dayton, where he followed his trade of molder. In December, 1874, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died at the age of sixty-one, while he survived until December, 1889, reaching an age of nearly seventy-two. They were the parents of one son, Henry Hollencamp, and two daughters, Mary T., the deceased wife of William Poepplemeyer, and Philomena, the wife of Henry Weber, of Dayton.

Henry Hollencamp has been a resident of Dayton throughout his entire life with the exception of his first year. In his youth he attended the Catholic schools, but ill health debarred him from otherwise continuing his education. At the age of thirteen he became an employe in the foundry of McGregor & Callahan, his duty being to make cores, in 1865 his name appearing in the Dayton city directory as a laborer, but thinking to find other pursuits more congenial, in the fall of the above year he secured a position as an errand boy in the merchant tailoring establishment of Colonel Henry Miller. There he learned and performed all the



HENRY HOLLENCAMP

different tasks connected with a mastery of the business, became an expert tailor and cutter, also in managing the executive force necessary in the control of the labor of others. In 1873, when but twenty-two years, he embarked in business on his own account as the successor of the firm of Toban & Breene, who in turn had purchased the business of William Breene—one of the oldest established merchant tailoring houses in the city, forming the partnership of Edelman & Hollencamp, but the widespread financial panic of 1873 had also its effect on them and after two years of business the partnership was dissolved, Mr. Hollencamp assuming the entire indebtedness of the firm. His position at this time well indicated the qualities which have characterized his entire life—an indomitable spirit and an unconquerable business integrity. He set himself to the task of meeting all of the financial obligations of the house and within a few years the entire indebtedness of the firm was cleared away and Mr. Hollencamp found himself upon the high road of prosperity. From the beginning he has made his establishment a standard for excellence in the line of men's wearing apparel, and today he is widely recognized as one of the leading merchant tailors and clothiers in the state. The growth of his business is indicated by various removals which he has made, necessitated by the demand for more commodious quarters. In 1888 he left his old location at No. 7 South Jefferson street to continue his business in a fine four-story brown stone and brick building, fifty-five by fifty feet, which he had erected upon ground that he had purchased at the corner of Jefferson and Market streets. This is known as the Hollencamp block. After a few years this, too, became inadequate and he purchased another building in 1894 which is used for store and office purposes. In 1903 the business was incorporated as The H. Hollencamp Sons Company, Henry Hollencamp, president and treasurer; Frank A. Hollencamp, vice-president; Charles H. Hollencamp, secretary; Sargent D. Williamson and Henry Hollencamp, Jr., serving as directors. They employ in the neighborhood of one hundred and fifty workmen and sales people, the trade having reached very extensive proportions. In 1906 they again added an additional room fifty by forty feet to their place of business. Henry Hollencamp is a typical business man and has had a successful business career extending over thirty-six years that speaks for itself. He is also a director of The Dayton Savings & Trust Company and the president of The Dayton Land Title Company, which was the founder of Crown Point. He is also the president of The Xenia Ice & Cold Storage Company, of Xenia, Ohio.

Pleasantly situated in his home relations, Mr. Hollencamp was married May 16, 1876, to Miss Kate Greulich, and unto them were born six children, but Emma and Barbara died in infancy. The others are Charles H., born April 18, 1878; Frank Andrew, born August 7, 1879; Mary Theresa, born March 10, 1882; and Henry Herman, born August 1, 1889. The last named was a student of St. Mary's Institute, is a graduate of Steele high school, and is now a student in the Ohio State University. The daughter, Mary T., was married May 16, 1904, to Sergeant D. Williamson, who is receiving teller in The Dayton Savings & Trust Company. They now have one son, Joseph. The parents hold membership in the Catholic church and Mr. Hollencamp belongs also to The Dayton City Club. In social relations he is known as a gentleman of unfailing courtesy and kindly spirit, and in every association of life he is just and straightforward.

Charles Henry Hollencamp was united in marriage May 20, 1903, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Hollenkamp, while Frank A. Hollencamp was married October 27, 1903, to Miss Adele Witchger, a daughter of August Witchger, and they have one son, Francis. Both young men were educated at St. Mary's Institute, Dayton, are enterprising, active and thorough, and in positions of executive control are manifesting keen discernment in the solution of intricate commercial problems.

RICHARD M. GEBHART.

Richard M. Gebhart, who is at present capably serving as county commissioner of Montgomery county, owns and operates a fine farm of eighteen acres on the Dayton and Lebanon pike. His birth occurred on the old family homestead in Miami township, Montgomery county, on the 22d of September, 1849, his parents being John A. and Mary Anna (Gebhart) Gebhart. The paternal grandparents were Andrew and Elizabeth (Miller) Gebhart, the grandfather coming to this state from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. He drove across the mountains and took up his abode on the farm on which the birth of our subject occurred, first clearing the land of the timber. He also engaged in business as a contractor and was awarded a contract for the construction of a certain portion of the Erie canal. The work was completed within the allotted time and has proven of a most excellent and durable character, the banks being in good condition at the present day. He was widely recognized as one of the most prominent and respected pioneer settlers of the community and lived to attain the venerable age of ninety-two years. His wife was one year his junior.

John A. Gebhart, the father of Richard M. Gebhart, was also born in Miami township on the farm which the grandfather had cleared on coming to this county. In early manhood he drove a stage coach from Dayton to Cincinnati but subsequently returned to the home farm and through the careful conduct of his agricultural interests gained a gratifying measure of prosperity and became a landowner. His success was due entirely to his own well directed labor and industry and throughout this county, in which his entire life was passed, he was well known as a most substantial and public-spirited citizen. He was twice married and by his first wife had seven children, namely: John A.; Richard M., of this review; Frank E.; Augustus A., who is deceased; Arthur A.; Clarence; and George G., who has also passed away. Subsequent to the death of his first wife John A. Gebhart was again married, his second union being with Anna Skiles, by whom he had one child, Lillie May.

Richard M. Gebhart was brought to Van Buren township when but four years of age and here obtained his education, the school being about three miles distant from his home. He supplemented his early mental training by a course at St. Mary's Institute and subsequently went to Lebanon, where he completed his education. After the death of his mother the care of the younger children devolved upon him and he continued to look after their interests until the time of his father's second marriage. He is now the owner of a valuable and well improved tract of land of eighteen acres in Van Buren township and has been

very successful in his farming and stock-raising interests, having long been numbered among the progressive and enterprising citizens and business men of the community. In 1904 he erected his present residence—a modern and attractive dwelling containing eight rooms—and also has a new barn which is considered one of the best in the county.

On the 21st of December, 1869, Mr. Gebhart was united in marriage to Miss Catharine G. Lamme, a daughter of James and Susan (Otey) Lamme. The father, a native of Miami township, was one of the county's most prominent and prosperous agriculturists. His parents were Robert and Catharine (Ridgley) Lamme, the former, who came from Maryland, being the first representative of the name in this county.

In his political views Mr. Gebhart is a stalwart democrat and is an active worker in the local ranks of the party. He served as pike commissioner of Miami township for three terms and also acted in that position in Van Buren township for a similar period. For three terms he was a member of the fair board and is now assessor, which position he has held for four or five years. That his services in this office have proven entirely satisfactory to all concerned is indicated by the fact that at the last election he was chosen by a handsome majority. Fraternally he is identified with the Knights of Pythias at Dayton. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gebhart have an extensive circle of friends throughout the county in which they have always resided and are worthy representatives of two of the prominent and honored pioneer families whose labors contributed to the early development and upbuilding of this section of the state.

WILLIAM PIERCE RICE.

William Pierce Rice, well known as a coal operator of Dayton, was born in this county, August 17, 1863. His youthful days were spent in the usual manner of farm lads, for he was reared upon the old homestead to the age of twenty-three years, his time being busily employed during the summer months in the work of the fields while in the winter seasons he attended the country schools to the age of twenty years. He afterward devoted his entire time to farming for three years and then, thinking to find other pursuits more congenial and remunerative, he turned his attention to commercial interests, entering the coal office of S. J. Patterson. A year later, in 1888, Mr. Patterson sent him to Jackson county, Ohio, to take charge of his mines. It was a difficult experience for during the two and a half years in which he remained there several very serious strikes occurred. The fact that Mr. Patterson sent Mr. Rice to the mines so soon after he had entered Mr. Patterson's employ speaks volumes concerning the confidence which the latter had in him and his ability. During a strike which occurred Mr. Rice was in daily peril several times and only his courage saved him but he was ever loyal to the trust reposed in him, faithful in looking after the interests of his employer and at the same time doing everything possible to quell the laborers' disturbances.

After two and a half years spent in control of the mines in Jackson county Mr. Rice traveled for Mr. Patterson for a year and a half and then embarked in business for himself in 1893, forming a partnership with C. K. Davis, of Detroit. They engaged in the operation of mines near Wellston, Ohio, and from the beginning their efforts were successful. Mr. Rice is now well known as a coal operator and his business has reached large proportions bringing him a very substantial financial return.

On the 8th of November, 1883, near Dayton, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Rice and Miss Martha Patterson, a daughter of W. J. Patterson. They have become the parents of three sons: James, Corwin and Harry Dwight. Mr. Rice belongs to Gem City Council, No. 3, U. C. T., and affiliates with the Reformed church. He is a democrat in politics but is not an active partisan. Throughout his active connection with the business world his time has been given in almost undivided manner to the duties that have devolved upon him in connection with his business affairs and his forcefulness and enterprise in this connection have brought him a creditable and gratifying measure of success.

MARTIN L. MOWRER.

Martin L. Mowrer, of Dayton, was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, June 15, 1835, and there resided until 1854, during which period he learned the miller's and millwright's trade. He was a young man of nineteen years when he came to Dayton, making the journey partly by rail and partly by canal. He reached his destination in May 1854, and at once sought and obtained employment in a grist mill just on the edge of Dayton. He was so engaged in 1865 when he abandoned milling and went upon the road, taking orders for milling machinery. In that line of activity he continued until 1879. In the meantime he had secured patents on corn milling machinery, on which he yet receives royalties. To the development of the business in connection therewith he turned his attention, selling the machines and building the mills to hold them. The business was conducted by the firm of Nordyke & Marmion, with which Mr. Mowrer was associated until 1885. In that year he began putting up mills under contracts which he personally took and placing them in operation. In this he continued until 1890 and since that time he has been interested in and connected with the America Hominy Company of Indianapolis, Indiana, which is capitalized for five million dollars. In 1887 Mr. Mowrer patented the Quick Malt Flake, manufactured by the American Hominy Company, from which he received royalties for seventeen years. Though he has now covered three-fourths of a century on the journey of life he is yet a keen and active business man and that his physical powers remain unimpaired to a notable degree are indicated in the fact that between the 1st of January, 1909, and the 15th of August following he has traveled over eighteen thousand miles in the United States.

In 1857 Mr. Mowrer was married in Dayton to Miss Isabelle Jane Anderson, a daughter of James and Louisa (Opdyke) Anderson. Unto this marriage were born three daughters: Mary L., now the widow of Sylvester Troup; Emma E.,

the wife of Charles A. Silsby, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; and Jennie E., the wife of Frank Blum. The wife and mother died in February, 1907, and her death was deeply regretted by many friends as well as by her immediate family.

Mr. Mowrer has been active in affairs relating to public progress and at all times is a stalwart advocate of movements for the general good. He twice served by appointment as tax commissioner of Dayton and in politics he is a stalwart republican, having supported the party since voting for John C. Fremont in 1856. Mr. Mowrer is well known in Masonic circles, being a Knight Templar and Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine. Indeed he is one of the best known representatives of the craft in this city and is a life member of all Masonic bodies in Dayton. He was made a Noble of the Mystic Shrine at Mecca Temple in New York city in 1880, the first temple established in the United States. He affiliates with the Episcopal church and loyal to its teachings his life is at all times conformed to a high standard of ethics.

HARRY D. WOLFENSPARGER.

The steps in the orderly progress of Harry D. Wolfensparger are easily discernable and they led him from a humble position in commercial circles to honor and prominence. His is another illustration of the fact that without special advantages at the outset of one's career honorable success may be obtained through unfaltering industry and careful management. One of Ohio's native sons, Mr. Wolfensparger was born in Osborne, Greene county, July 27, 1870, a son of David H. and Martha Wolfensparger. His father was a native of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, born in 1826. Throughout his business career he followed merchandising and for a long period was thus connected with business interests in Ohio. His last years were passed in Dayton where his death occurred in 1902. He was married in Osborne, Ohio, to Miss Martha, a daughter of Richard and Maggie Burrows, and by this marriage were born two sons, the younger, George Delmont, now a resident of Reno, Nevada.

The elder son, Harry D. Wolfensparger, spent the first ten years of his life in the place of his nativity and then accompanied his parents on their removal to Winchester, Virginia, where they lived for four years, the subject of this review pursuing his education in the public schools during that period. In 1884 the family returned to Osborne where he again pursued his studies. On reaching the age of sixteen years, however, he put aside his text-books and for a year worked in his father's confectionary store, after which he engaged in clerking in the City Hotel in Osborne. He became a resident of Dayton in 1888 and here accepted a position in a retail grocery house and gained comprehensive knowledge of the trade and of commercial methods during the thirteen years which he devoted to clerking in the service of various employers. Through this period he was actuated by a laudable desire to engage in business on his own account and when he felt that his experience and careful expenditure justified this step he purchased a grocery and bakery at the corner of Burkhardt and Curtis avenue and has built up a large trade there, having a thoroughly modern establishment, complete in all of its equip-

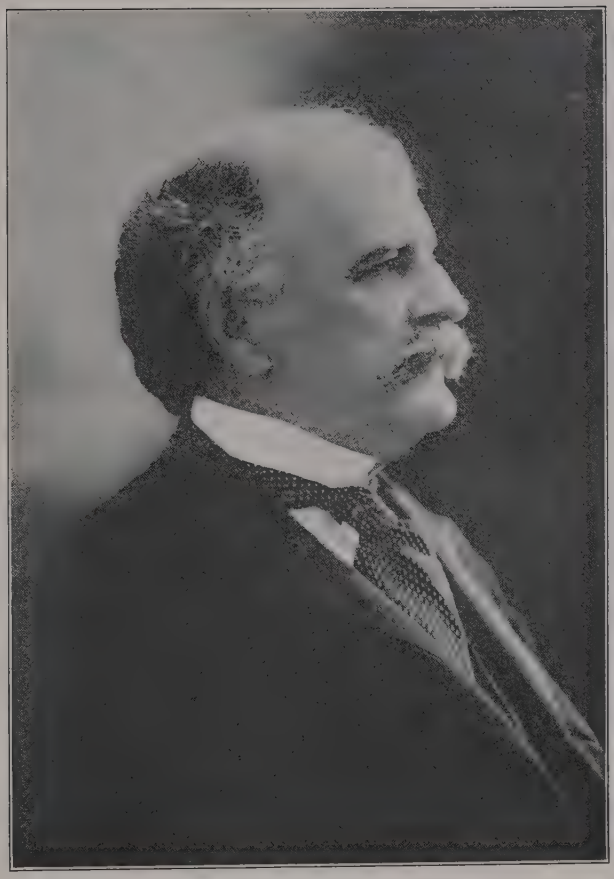
ment and in the large line of staple and fancy groceries which is carried. Reasonable prices, honorable methods and an earnest desire to please his patrons have been the salient features in his success, making him one of the prosperous merchants of his section of the city.

On the 15th of October, 1902, Mr. Wolfensparger was married in Dayton, Ohio, to Miss Daisy H. Eckman, a daughter of Daniel and Maria (Haverstick) Eckman. They now have one son, Clarence Edward. Their home is attractive by reason of its warm-hearted hospitality and is a favorite resort of their many friends.

Aside from his business connections Mr. Wolfensparger has figured prominently in municipal affairs and in fraternal circles. He gives stalwart support to the democracy and in 1898 was elected a member of the board of education from the third ward. In 1900 he was reelected to the office and served for two terms or four years, proving himself a stalwart champion of progressive education. In November, 1907, he was elected a member of the city council from the tenth ward and reelected November 2, 1909, in which connection he exercises his official prerogative for the support of practical measures of reform and improvement. He belongs to both the subordinate lodge and the uniform rank of the Knights of Pythias, is a member of Elks Lodge, No. 58, and is a prominent Mason, holding membership with Mystic Lodge, No. 405, F. & A. M.; Unity Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M.; Reese Council, No. 9, R. & S. M.; Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T., and Antioch Temple of Mystic Shrine. While there have been no unusual or exciting chapters in his life record, his course has been marked by steady progress which indicates fit utilization of the innate talents which are his. Diligence and perseverance have been the salient characteristics in his career and he has reached a prominent and enviable position in the mercantile circles of Dayton.

COLONEL JAMES DELANEY PLATT.

For many years Colonel J. D. Platt has been a prominent factor in the business life of Dayton and has helped to build up some of its most important industries. A native of New York, he was born at Schroon Lake, October 19, 1838, and traces his ancestry back to Sir Hugh Platt, of England. The first of the family who came to the new world was Richard Platt, who came from Huntingdon or Norfolk, England, and landed at New Haven in 1638. From him our subject traces his ancestry through John, John II, Ebenezer and Abial to Jabez Hall Platt, who was the grandfather of the Colonel. Jabez Hall Platt was born July 30, 1772, and married Rachael Beebe, who was born in 1771 and died November 23, 1843. About 1810 he removed from his old home in Lanesboro, Massachusetts, to Schroon, New York, where he spent the remainder of his life, dying on the 18th of September, 1852. In his family were ten children, of whom Daniel Platt, the father of our subject, was the second in order of birth. He was born in Lanesboro, Massachusetts, March 29, 1798, and accompanied his parents on their removal to Schroon, New York. He was first married on the 13th of November, 1820. to Miss Phebe Potter, who died March 22, 1824, and on the 5th of September of



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that year he married Caroline Wyman, who was born March 22, 1806, and passed away on the 6th of October, 1859. For his third wife he wedded Elizabeth Wyman, their marriage being celebrated on Christmas Day, 1861. She departed this life December 3, 1889, and he died at his home in Schroon, August 5, 1882. He was the father of fifteen children, namely: Edward Francis, a Baptist minister, who first married Martha A. Moore and after her death married Agnes E. Barney; Harvey Page, who died in childhood; Phebe, the first child by the second union, who also died in childhood; Harvey P., a lawyer, who married Mary Oswald; Lucy Augusta, the wife of S. Frank Crockett, of Moorhead, Minnesota; Nahum Wyman and Alfred G., both of whom died in childhood; Edwin S., a lawyer, who married Lida S. Suydan and died in Denver, Colorado; Salome E., who died in infancy; James Delaney, of this review; William Wyman, who died in infancy; Daniel Starr, who married Annie E. Fuller; Caroline E., the wife of Philip P. Farnham, a Baptist minister of Kensington, Michigan; William H., who died at the age of eighteen years; and Mary Cornelia, the wife of Douglas H. Lamb. Three of the sons were soldiers of the Civil war. Our subject's mother, who bore the maiden name of Caroline Wyman, belonged to an old Vermont family but she was reared and married at Schroon Lake, New York.

Colonel James D. Platt began his education in the public schools of Schroon Lake and later continued his studies at Fairfax, Vermont, and Fort Edward, New York. After laying aside his text-books he worked on his father's farm during the summer months and engaged in teaching school for five winters. In the spring of 1860 he removed to Toledo, Ohio, and was there located when the Civil war broke out. Learning that his country needed his services, he volunteered and remained at the front until hostilities ceased, being honorably discharged and mustered out in September, 1865. He participated in all the engagements under General Sherman from Chattanooga to the Atlantic coast, taking part in the famous march to the sea and through the Carolinas, at which time he was serving as lieutenant-colonel. He was a member of the Tenth Ohio Cavalry which was in command of General Kilpatrick.

On leaving the service Colonel Platt returned to Ohio, and as soon as E. E. Barney, of Dayton, learned that he had located in this state, he sent for him to come to Dayton and to enter into business with him. His three brothers, however, wished him to remain in Toledo with them, but being pleased with Mr. Barney's offer he decided to come to Dayton for a six months' stay until he should decide where he wished to make his future home. Pleased with the prospects here, however, he has since resided in this city and has been prominently identified with the business interests here. He was given an interest in the Barney-Smith Car Works from the very start and has held almost every office in the company, being raised from secretary to vice-president and treasurer, and later president, which position he retained until he resigned in November, 1908. He also became identified with other important enterprises, buying out the Stillwell Bierce Manufacturing Company, which he reorganized and reincorporated under the name of the Platt Iron Works. He was the sole owner of that business until November, 1908, when he sold out and his son, who is interested in the enterprise, is now vice-president of the company. In connection with E. J. Barney he started the Dayton Manufacturing Company, manufacturing car trimmings, and for many years took a very

active part in business affairs, but is now practically living retired in the enjoyment of a well earned rest.

On the 11th of December, 1866, Colonel Platt was united in marriage to Miss Mary Louise Barney, of Dayton, who was born February 1, 1841, and they became the parents of six children, four of whom are still living, namely: Bertha, now the wife of E. M. Thacker, of Dayton; Edwin F., mentioned above, who married Alice Stoddard, a daughter of John Stoddard; Pauline, the wife of Frederick W. Ohie, who lives in Virginia; and James D., Jr., who married Anne Evans and makes his home in Dayton.

The Colonel's summer home is on the old farm where he was born at Schroon Lake, New York. He is very fond of outdoor sports and many of his leisure hours have been devoted to hunting, golf, etc. He usually supports the republican party, being in sympathy with its principles, but votes for the men whom he believes best qualified to fill the offices regardless of party ties. Socially he is a member of the Dayton Club and also of the Whist Club of New York. His active connection with business affairs made him widely known in this city and throughout much of the United States, and today Dayton has no more honored or highly respected citizen than Colonel James D. Platt.

FRANK M. COPENHEFER.

Frank M. Copenhefer, whose farm of two hundred and five acres in Wayne township, is a well improved place on which he lives, about nine miles north of the center of Dayton, on the Valley pike. He was born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania,—the birthplace of the Copenhefers for three generations,—May 29, 1870, and is the son of John H. and Susan (Musser) Copenhefer. His great-grandfather John Copenhefer, was the first member of the family to come to this country and was but a young boy when he left his native Switzerland to start life afresh in the United States. His son Henry, and his grandson John H., the father of the subject of this sketch, were both born in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where the latter grew up, was educated, and began his life's work. He was a prominent farmer, owning a large tract of land, with many other interests besides those of agriculture. When opportunity afforded he sold his Pennsylvania farm, and removed to this county, where he purchased another tract of considerable size, and on this passed the remaining years of his life. He was the father of five children: Harry, of Clark county; Joe, of Dayton; Frank M.; Elizabeth, who lives at home; and Jennie, now deceased, who was the wife of Cyrus Niffly and the mother, two sons and two daughters: Susan, Anna, Frank and John.

Frank M. Copenhefer was but six years of age when he came to this county. He was reared at home and received the larger part of his education in the schools of Clark county. Work on the farm consumed much of the time that was not given over to the preparation of lessons, so that by the time that he had reached man's estate he was fully equipped to cope with problems of the soil. In farming of a general kind he has been very successful and of late years he has also engaged in stock raising to some extent, and has bought and sold many heads of cattle.

He has many interests besides his farm and stock, being a public-spirited citizen and a man who appreciates to the full the pleasures to be obtained through close association with his fellows. For the space of ten years he has served the people diligently as clerk of the township, and they have had no reason to complain of the way he has discharged his duties but trust that he will not soon be persuaded to resign them. Seven fraternal organizations claim him among their members, to all of which he gives devoted allegiance, and in whose welfare he is much interested. He is connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Encampment, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics, and the Woodmen of the World, all of Osborn. He also belongs to the Pythian Sisters and the Daughters of Rebekah, of which his wife is a member. Of the Garfield Club he is a prominent member as well.

In the year 1892, Mr. Copenhefer was united in marriage to Miss Minnie Beyl, the daughter of Sol and Mary Beyl. Her father came here from Pennsylvania and is a farmer prominent in this county. To Mr. and Mrs. Copenhefer three children have been born, two daughters and a son: Hettie, John and May, all of whom are in school. The family are all stanch members of the Methodist church of Osborn and, following Mr. Copenhefer's lead, are active in all its work. He is one of those men who is generously endowed with traits of character that endear him to his fellows and make for sound friendships. He is also possessed of those firmer traits that make for success in the struggle for life.

SIMON SMITH.

Simon Smith richly deserves the proud American title of a self-made man for, starting out in life for himself at a very early age, he has since worked his way steadily upward until today he ranks among the progressive and influential farmers of Butler township. A native of Pennsylvania, he was born in Greensburg, Westmoreland county, on the 20th of March, 1844, and is a son of Simon and Mary (Roderdaugh) Smith. On account of the early death of his parents he knows but little concerning the family history. The father passed away in Greensburg, where his remains were laid to rest, while the mother's demise occurred in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1850, her remains being interred in a cemetery of that city.

When but a little lad of four or five years Simon Smith accompanied his aunt on her removal to Dayton, Ohio, and in the common schools of that city he acquired his education. When little more than a child, he lost both of his parents and he was thus early thrown upon his own responsibility. After setting aside his textbooks he at once took up the occupation of farming and has since been actively engaged in this connection. He is now the owner of one hundred and sixty-three acres of fine farm land in Butler township, Montgomery county, to the improvement and cultivation of which he is directing his energies. He early learned that there is no excellence without labor, no royal road to wealth, and he toiled early and late to overcome the obstacles and difficulties that beset his path, ere he attained the gratifying degree of prosperity which he now enjoys. His indefatigable energy,

his undaunted enterprise and his untiring perseverance have been the salient elements in his present success.

In 1869 Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Alice Crosby, a daughter of James and Lydia Ann (Baner) Crosby, natives of Philadelphia and Cape May, New Jersey, respectively. Her father, who was born in 1812, came to Ohio at the age of eighteen, settling in Warren county, and he was engaged in general farming until his demise, which occurred in September, 1884, in Montgomery county. His wife, whose birth occurred in 1817, passed away in June, 1886, her remains being interred in Greencastle cemetery, where her husband was also buried. She was an orthodox Quaker and an earnest, conscientious Christian woman.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Simon Smith were born ten children, namely: Mattie, born July 2, 1870; Albert, born July 7, 1871; Lottie A., born June 13, 1872; Etta May, born January 7, 1874; Oella, born February 13, 1875; Rollo J., born April 3, 1876; Wilmer S., born March 19, 1880; Harry C., born August 17, 1881; Walter B., born March 1, 1885; and Warren B., born June 1, 1892. Of this number three have now passed away, namely: Lottie, whose death occurred August 25, 1872; Etta, who died July 12, 1874; and Oella, who passed away on the 12th of July, 1875 here. They are all buried in the cemetery at Greencastle. The eldest daughter Mattie, is now the wife of F. E. Dixon and makes her home in Fort Smith, Arkansas. They have two children, Marguerite and Marie. Albert married Elizabeth Norton and resides in Jackson, Mississippi. They have five children, Chester, Roy, Helen, Alice and Mary. Rollo J. wedded Eva Keeton and with their three children, Bessie, Manis and Wilber, resides at Knobel, Arkansas. Wilmer and Warren are both living at home. Harry, who married Floy Holbert, by whom he has one child, Lester, resides on the home farm, and Walter B., who also lives at home, is a stenographer for the Barney Smith Car Company.

During the dark days of the Civil war, Mr. Smith was a loyal defender of the Union, serving from October, 1861, until July, 1865, when he was honorably discharged. In politics he votes with the democratic party and is public spirited in his citizenship. His life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of honest labor. Starting out in life without any favoring circumstances, through the exercises of his dominant powers—ambition, energy and industry—he has worked his way up and is now classed among the prosperous and influential farmers of Butler township.

GABRIEL IZOR.

Gabriel Izor, a farmer and fruit grower of New Lebanon, Montgomery county, started upon his life's journey in Preble county, this state, on the 7th of July, 1850, the son of Philip and Mary (Beachler) Izor. The Izor family had for two generations been identified with the life of Preble county, for Peter Izor, the grandfather of Gabriel, was one of the early settlers there, coming from his native state of Pennsylvania, and settling in that county, long ere it had attained the development it enjoys at present.

Gabriel Izor from his childhood's days has devoted himself to farming. As a young boy, from the time he was large enough to perform the simplest of the tasks about the home, he became habituated to methods of agriculture under the guidance of his father and even when attending school, he assisted in the work of the farm. For many years, he pursued that vocation in the county in which he was born and at other places, but about fourteen years ago removed to the farm in Montgomery county, which he occupies at present. Of late years, he has gone into fruit raising to quite an extent, but continues to follow general farming.

Shortly after attaining his manhood, Mr. Izor was married on the 10th of April, 1873, to Miss Adeline Zeck, the daughter of Solomon and Sarah (Lindermuth) Zeck. Five children have been born to them: William, who came into the world in 1873; Charles, born in 1875; Sadie Alice, in 1878; John Wesley, in 1882; and Dorsey, in 1887. The family are all active members of the Lutheran church and are closely identified with both its social and religious work.

Mr. Izor is a man who has been prominent in the life of his township, for he is possessed of considerable public spirit which has been appreciated by his fellow-townsmen, who have elected him to many offices in the township, all of which he has filled with marked distinction and honor, but it is in matters pertaining to education that he takes the greatest interest, realizing that a good schooling is one of the best preparations the young obtain for the battles of life. His voice is ever raised on the side of progress in these matters. Indeed he is a man with whom steady progress goes hand in hand with conscientious work and devotion to the daily tasks of life. He is respected and honored by all who know him and has the good-will of those who have witnessed his success, for this has come through his own efforts, not through the exertions of another.

JACOB STINE.

Jacob Stine, a well known resident of Perry township, his home being near Lewisburg, is a native of Montgomery county, born in Jefferson township on the 21st of May, 1852, and is a son of George and Margaret (Beachler) Stine. The father was a native of Maryland, born June 7, 1821, his parents being John and Catherine (Gilbert) Stine, who in company with their three sons came to Ohio in February, 1823, from their old home in Frederick county, Maryland. The journey was made in covered wagons and it was six weeks before they reached their destination, having spent one whole day in crossing the river at Wheeling, West Virginia. That night his wagon was robbed and the five hundred dollars which he had saved from his earnings to purchase land was taken from him leaving him only twenty-five dollars in his pocket. Nothing daunted, however, he determined to establish a home for himself and family in Montgomery county, and his hopes were later realized. Shortly after locating here one of his sons died and subsequently two sons and one daughter were born here, making six children who lived to marry and rear families of their own. Today his descendants number two hundred and twenty-two, and with the exception of fifty-three all live in Montgomery county, Ohio, forty-two being residents of Shelby county,

Indiana, five of Columbus, Indiana, two of Edinburg, Indiana, and four somewhere in Illinois. Soon after his arrival in Dayton, which was then a very small place, he located on the ground now occupied by the National Soldiers Home and a few years later purchased a small tract of land a few miles distant, where he reared his family. Most of his descendants have devoted themselves to agricultural pursuits.

George Stine, the father of our subject, was married December 13, 1845, to Miss Margaret Beachler, and they became the parents of eight children, namely: Sarah E., born July 31, 1847; Mary M., June 21, 1849; Jacob, May 21, 1852; Margaret Ellen, April 18, 1854; Amanda Catherine, April 21, 1856; Malinda, December 10, 1858; Lovina Rachel, November 15, 1861; and George Monroe, September 11, 1866.

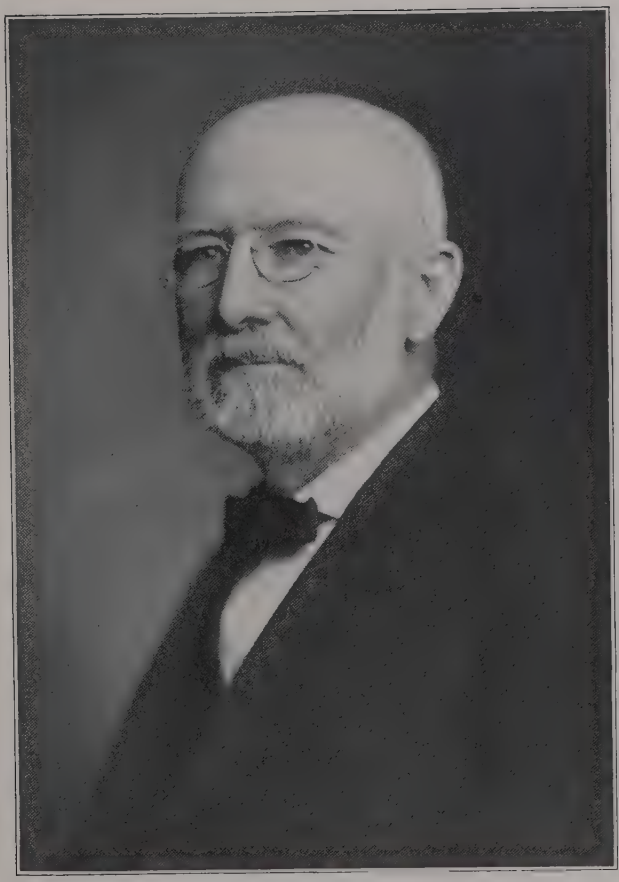
Jacob Stine was reared and educated in much the usual manner of farmer boys of his time and locality. Soon after reaching manhood, he was married, on the 14th of October, 1875, to Miss Eliza Ann Fortney, who was born July 23, 1857, her parents being Samuel N. and Frances (Brooker) Fortney, residents of Jefferson township, Montgomery county. Mr. and Mrs. Stine have two children living, while one son, Charles Adam, born March 13, 1877, died July 19th of that year. Harvey Wilson, the second son, was born April 25, 1878, and was married on the 14th of January, 1900, to Miss Bertha Ann Miller, who was born December 17, 1881. They have two daughters: Nina Marie, born August 14, 1901; and Erma Irene, born December 31, 1902. Harry Elmer, the youngest son of our subject, was born April 24, 1884, and was married May 22, 1903, to Miss Edith Estella Poe, whose birth occurred December 7, 1883. They have one son, Everett Monroe, born November 28, 1904.

Mr. Stine belongs to that class of men who are termed self-made, owing their success entirely to their own unaided efforts, their good business ability and sound judgment. He is public-spirited and progressive and takes an active interest in educational affairs, having served efficiently as school director for some time. He and his family are members of the Lutheran church and have the respect and esteem of all who know them.

THOMAS DE ARMON.

Thomas De Armon is president of the City National Bank of Dayton and is officially connected with various other institutions of this city. He was born in the vicinity of Dayton, Montgomery county, this state, in 1842, and comes of Scotch, Irish and French lineage. His grandfather, David De Armon, a native of County Down, Ireland, came to America at the age of seventeen and settled in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he married a Miss Le Van. His son, Alexander De Armon, the father of our subject, was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and married Isabel McGregor, a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, and a daughter of Thomas and Janet McGregor, who came to America when Isabel was six years of age.

Thomas De Armon attended the public schools of Dayton until fifteen years of age. He laid aside his text-books, however, at the end of his first year of high



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school and went to work in the paper mill of Mead & Weston, where he remained for two years. At the age of eighteen years he entered the machine shop of Thompson, McGregor & Company and mastered the details of that trade. As his ability and experience increased he was promoted from time to time and continued with the firm throughout the various changes in its ownership. Their first change was to McGregor & Callahan and subsequently the firm conducted business under the name of W. P. Callahan. This in turn became W. P. Callahan & Company and is now known as The W. P. Callahan Company, of which Mr. De Armon is president. His present official position came to him as the logical result of indefatigable energy, untiring industry and unfaltering perseverance, and throughout the intervening years, as he has prospered, he has extended his interests along other directions until today he is the president of the City National Bank of Dayton; president of the Equitable Loan & Savings Association; and president of the Ohio Paper Company at Miamisburg, Ohio. In his various official capacities he is exerting his efforts toward administrative direction and executive control and his business sagacity and keen discernment are proving potent elements in the success of the several enterprises with which he is connected.

The only interruption in his active business career came when, responding to his country's call for aid, he went to the front as a private of Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, his term covering one hundred days.

In 1873, in Dayton, Mr. De Armon was united in marriage to Miss Lila G. Ensey, a daughter of Dennis and Margaret (Wilson) Ensey. As the years passed their home was blessed with three children, namely: Margaret, the wife of Frank K. Neill; Helen I.; and Robert L.

Religiously Mr. De Armon is a Presbyterian, a member of the Third Street church, while politically he gives his support to the republican party. He has served as tax commissioner and as a member of the school board, the cause of education finding in him a stanch champion. He is a prominent figure in fraternal circles, being a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar and also a member of the different subordinate bodies. He is likewise identified with the Knights of Pythias, also holds membership in the Dayton City Club and is popular with a large circle of warm friends. He is eminently a man of affairs, while in his citizenship he is true to those principles which stand for high and honorable manhood. His interests are thoroughly identified with those of Dayton and at the same time he has carried forward his private business interests, being conspicuous among his associates not only for his success but for his probity, fairness and honorable methods.

CLEMENT R. GILMORE.

Clement R. Gilmore, enjoying an extensive clientage as a practitioner of law in Dayton, his position in the legal circles of the state being indicated by the fact that for five years, he has been honored with the position of treasurer of the Ohio State Bar Association, was born at Eaton, Preble county, Ohio, September 5, 1858.

His father, William J. Gilmore, was a native of Virginia, born in Bedford county, in 1821. When but four years of age, he was brought to Ohio by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Eli Gilmore, who in 1825, located in Preble county. Their son, William J. Gilmore, was here reared and educated and in early life engaged in teaching school but, desiring to become a member of the legal profession, he studied in preparation therefor and in 1847 was admitted to the bar. He then located for practice in Hamilton, Ohio, where he remained for two or three years, after which, he removed to Eaton, where he soon established himself in a successful and growing law business. In 1852, he was elected prosecuting attorney in Preble county and served for two terms while in 1857, he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term on the common pleas bench. Proving a capable incumbent in that position, his decisions being characterized by equity and a comprehensive knowledge of the law. In 1862 retiring from the bench, he resumed the private practice of law in Eaton, but in 1867, was again chosen for judicial honors, being elected to the common pleas bench whereon he served until 1875. Higher judicial honors awaited him for in that year, he was chosen a judge of the supreme court of Ohio and for five years acted as a member of the highest tribunal of the state, proving himself the peer of the ablest members, who have sat upon the bench of the court of last resort. When his term was expired, he located for practice in Columbus, where he remained as an active, honored and influential member of the profession until his death in 1896. His political allegiance was given to the democratic party, but at the time of the Civil war, he was a stanch advocate of the Union cause and served with the Squirrel Hunters in pursuit of General Morgan.

Clement R. Gilmore spent his youthful days in the place of his nativity and in the common schools pursued his education through successive grades, until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1877. He then entered the University at Wooster, Ohio, but did not graduate because impaired health caused him to put aside his studies. For two years afterwards, he was engaged in civil engineering and in 1881, he went to Columbus, Ohio, where he spent two years as special examiner in the state insurance commissioner's office and was active in routing out of Ohio the "graveyard insurance companies." Subsequently, he filled the position of bookkeeper for two years in a wholesale grocery in Columbus, after which he entered upon the study of law in his father's office in the capital city and was admitted to the bar in 1888. He then practiced with his father in Columbus, until the latter's death in 1896, after which Clement R. Gilmore went to California, where he remained for a year.

On returning eastward, Mr. Gilmore located at Eaton, Ohio, where he practiced for two years and in 1903, came to Dayton, where for six years, he successfully followed his profession. He now has a large and important clientage and his superior ability enables him to successfully handle the litigated interests entrusted to his care. He is a member of the local and state bar associations and of the latter, has served as treasurer for five years. Aside from his professional interests, he is known in business circles as the director of several corporations.

In 1889, Mr. Gilmore was married in Cleveland to Miss Ellen Porter Gardner, a daughter of Commodore George W. Gardner, of Cleveland, who was for two

terms mayor of Cleveland and one of its most honored and prominent citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore now have two sons and one daughter.

In his fraternal relations, Mr. Gilmore is a Royal Arch Mason. He belongs to the Phi Delta Theta, a college fraternity and to the Saturday Club, while his religious convictions are indicated in his membership in the First Presbyterian church, of which he is now serving as a trustee. In politics, he is an ardent democrat, taking an active interest in the party and frequently serving as a delegate to state conventions. His influence is strongly felt in those lines to which he has directed his activity and he is now one of the prominent and successful lawyers and business men of Dayton.

SAMUEL HARRISON BASORE.

Samuel Harrison Basore is successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits on his valuable farm of one hundred and twenty acres in Madison township, situated about a mile and a half northeast of the Salem pike. It was on this farm that his birth occurred on the 8th of January, 1859, his parents being Samuel and Lydia (Fetters) Basore. The paternal great-grandfather, who emigrated from Germany, was the first representative of the name in this country, taking up his abode in Berks county, Pennsylvania. The first representative of the name in Montgomery county, was Benjamin Basore, the grandfather, who, leaving the Keystone state, cast in his lot with the early settlers here. Samuel Basore, the father of our subject, was eighteen years of age when he made the journey from Pennsylvania to this county, finding the district largely an unsettled and undeveleped region. He was numbered among the first settlers in this part of the state and assisted in clearing the land of the timber. He purchased from David Lord the property which is now known as the old Basore homestead and is owned and operated by Samuel H. Basore, of this review. His family numbered eight children, namely: Absalom and Sarah, both of whom are deceased; Catherine; Elizabeth; Lydia; Susan; John; and Samuel Harrison. The surviving members of this family are all residents of Montgomery county.

During the period when Samuel H. Basore attended the common schools in the acquirement of an education, he also assisted in the work of the home farm, thus early gaining extensive and practical knowledge of the occupation to which he has devoted his time and energies throughout his active business career. He has remodeled the large brick residence which was built by his father about sixty years ago, has brought the old homestead property under a high state of cultivation and improvement and in his general farming interests, has met with a most gratifying measure of prosperity. On the farm there is also an old log cabin, which was erected in 1797 and is still in comparatively good condition. Mr. Basore intends remodeling the same, so that it may be preserved as a relic.

On the 28th of February, 1884, Mr. Basore was united in marriage to Miss Sarah A. Dohner, a daughter of Henry Dohner. She came to this county from Lebanon county, Pennsylvania, about twenty-seven years ago and by her marriage has become the mother of three children, as follows: Harry, who wedded

Miss Lillie Wolf and has one child, Mabel; Alice, the wife of George Murray; and Ida, who has completed her education and is living at home.

Mr. Basore is now serving as county trustee, which position he has capably filled for the past two years. He has also acted as a school director for six years, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. The name of Basore has been closely associated with the agricultural development of this county throughout the entire period of its growth and improvement and Samuel H. Basore, like his father and grandfather, has made a creditable record by his activity, enterprise, integrity and success in his chosen field of labor.

JOHN V. WHITE.

John V. White, a prosperous farmer of Miami township, lives upon his farm on the Springboro road, about one mile east of Alexanderville. He was born August 29, 1855, in a log cabin on this farm and is a son of James V. and Hester Ann (Nevinger) White. The father, who was the son of John V. and Elizabeth White, was born in this county and bought the place upon which his son lives. It had already been cleared and upon it he engaged in general farming, but being in poor health the care and responsibility of the place early devolved upon his son, John V. White.

The latter was the only son of his parents. He was reared at home and there and in the common schools of the county acquired those fundamental lessons of life that have made possible the success of his later years. From the time that he was able to assume the smallest responsibility about the home he has done his share of what there was to do, and as he grew older and his father lost in strength, the burden of the farm fell more and more upon his shoulders. For a time, however, he worked at the trade of a wagonmaker, in which he had some experience, but it was for only a short time, and the large part of his life has been spent in the cultivation of the soil.

On the 16th of November, 1879, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. White and Miss Margaret Christman, who is the daughter of John and Catherine (Couterie) Christman. But one child, Dotty, has been born to them. She is now the wife of John H. Musselman, who is engaged in the plastering business in Dayton, and is the mother of a daughter, Catherine, who is two years old. To the Presbyterian church the family give their religious adherence and are regular in their attendance at its services and eager in their work for its welfare.

Though so skillful a farmer, Mr. White does not permit his home duties to absorb all his time and energy to the detriment of his enjoyment of the simpler joys of life and of the spirit of public service that has actuated him for years. For three terms he has been justice of the peace, and at the last election was given a large majority, but would not accept the honor which the people would thrust upon him. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow, belonging to the Marion Lodge, No. 18, and to Encampment No. 82. In both the organization and its members he takes an active interest and is ever ready to exert himself in its or their behalf. In short he is a man who, not shirking responsibility when it came to him, by the simple

performance of his duties, has built for himself a character of stability and worth. His public service was all that could be asked of any man, and it is only regretted that he saw fit to resign the office he had so well filled for many years.

ALFRED LEO SILBERMAN.

Alfred Leo Silberman, a druggist and pharmacist of Miamisburg, where he was born November 10, 1879, is numbered among the more successful of the young and enterprising business men of the city. His paternal grandfather, John Silberman, was one of the early settlers of Dayton, where he established and conducted a blacksmith shop. He married Miss Margaret Bauer and unto them were born two sons and three daughters. John Silberman died when more than sixty years of age, while his wife reached the advanced age of seventy-nine years. The maternal grandfather of our subject was Philip Elsass, who was born in Germany, near the French line. He was a farmer by occupation and on coming to the United States, settled near Canton in Carroll county, whence he afterward removed to Auglaize county, taking up his abode near Wapakoneta. There he died at the age of sixty-eight years, while his wife, Mrs. Magdalena (Young) Elsass, passed away at the age of seventy-six years. They were the parents of eleven daughters.

Adam Silberman, the father of our subject, is a native of Dayton and has always been engaged in the shoe business. He has spent his entire life within the borders of Montgomery county and has made his home in Miamisburg, since March, 1876. He and his wife are still living in Miamisburg and are among its most respected and worthy citizens. In early manhood, he wedded Miss Margaret Elsass, who was born near Canton, Ohio, and they became the parents of two sons and two daughters: Laura May, the wife of C. M. Schuber; Clara Louise; Alfred L.; and Carl Elsass. The last named is now deceased.

Alfred Leo Silberman was reared in Miamisburg and attended the public and high schools. He then began clerking in Mr. Bohn's drug store and studied pharmacy, being graduated from the Ada College of Pharmacy with the class of 1899. He was afterward employed for a few months in Dayton and subsequently engaged in clerking in a drug store in Cincinnati for six years. In March, 1906, he bought a drug store in Miamisburg, known as the Central Drug Store, owned by the firm of Albrecht, Niswonger & Rogers and is now proprietor of that establishment. He has a well appointed stock, neatly and tastefully arranged and his business has been continually growing as he proved himself worthy of the public patronage, both by his knowledge of the drug business and his reliability in his commercial transactions.

On the 29th of September, 1903, Mr. Silberman was united in marriage to Miss Sarah Emma Deitsch, a daughter of Colonel Philip and Anna Jane (Johnston) Deitsch, of Cincinnati. She was born in that city while her father was a native of Germany and her mother of Ireland. For seventeen years, her father occupied a prominent place in municipal affairs as chief of police of Cincinnati. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Silberman, have been born two children, Dorothy Jane and

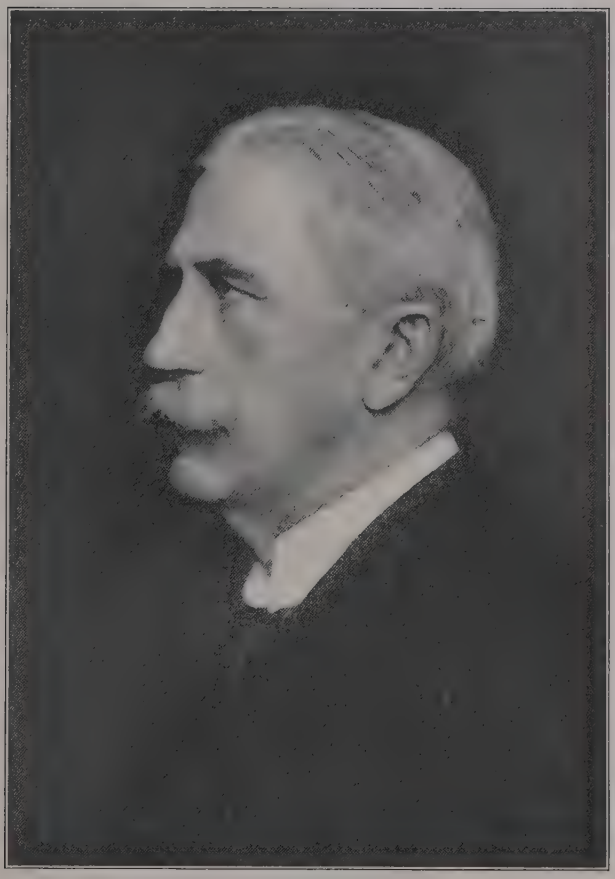
Carl Auswell. The parents are members of the Lutheran church and Mr. Silberman belongs to Hoffner Lodge, No. 53, F. & A. M., of Cincinnati; and to Cumminsville Chapter, No. 158, R. A. M. He is also connected with the Junior Order of American Mechanics, belonging to Star City Council, No. 277. Politically he is a republican and he lives on South Seventh street. His success in business and his active connection with the work of general improvement and progress gain him classification with the representative and honored residents of Miamisburg.

EUGENE J. BARNEY.

For almost six decades the name of Barney has figured continuously in connection with the industrial development of Dayton and for forty-two years Eugene J. Barney has been a factor in the city's growth in this connection as a member of the extensive enterprise now operated under the name of the Barney & Smith Manufacturing Company. As a financier he has also occupied a position of prominence, and in other fields his activity has been a source of substantial benefit to the city and state as well as a factor in his individual prosperity.

When the city of Dayton had scarcely merged from villagehood his father, Eliam E. Barney, took up his abode here and the son was born in Dayton, February 12, 1839. The father's interest in education naturally led him to give his son excellent opportunities in that direction and when he had mastered the branches taught in the public schools here he went to Rochester, New York, and pursued a course in the Rochester University. Returning to Dayton in 1866 he purchased the interest of S. F. Woodsum in the Barney & Smith Car Works and bent himself to mastering the business in principle and detail, knowing that successful management must ever depend upon a thorough knowledge of the enterprise under control. In a few years Mr. Barney had displayed such aptitude and readiness in understanding the business in its different departments that he was made superintendent of the works and upon the retirement of Mr. Smith he was elected vice-president and superintendent, so continuing until 1880, when upon the death of his father, he was chosen to the presidency. Since that time he has been the chief executive officer and the history of the Barney & Smith Manufacturing Company through more than a quarter of a century is largely the record of Eugene J. Barney's commercial advancement.

In other lines, also, he has demonstrated his ability in his successful solution of intricate and complex business problems. He is now the president of the Dayton Manufacturing Company, president of the Cooper Hydraulic Company and the Dayton Arcade Company and a director of other concerns. He has become associated with financial concerns as a director of the Fourth National Bank and of the Union Safe Deposit & Trust Company. His name is also on the directorate of the National Improvement Company, the City Street Railway Company, the Wisconsin Central Railroad Company, the New York, Lake Erie & Western Railway Company, the Davis Sewing Machine Company and other concerns. What he undertakes he carries forth to successful completion nor has he been slow to en-



EUGENE J. BARNEY

courage others who are seeking through their own efforts to attain something of the prominence and success which have crowned his labors in the business world.

On the 12th of February, 1862, Mr. Barney was united in marriage to Miss M. Belle Huffman, the eldest daughter of the late W. P. Huffman, of Dayton, and the children born to them are Mrs. Anna B. Gorman; Julia, deceased; Mrs. Marie B. Reynolds; and Eugene E., who has also passed away. The wife and mother died in January, 1905, and later Mr. Barney married Mrs. Elinor M. Chapman, of Dayton.

The history of Mr. Barney is another illustration of the fact that success and an honored name may be won simultaneously. The recognition and utilization of opportuities have been salient features in his career, bringing him into important business relations. He is well poised at all times, careful and conservative in his judgment, yet progressive in his methods, and what he has done in the business world is but the measure of his ability. He succeeded his father as trustee in Denison University and held that position for twenty-nine years. During this time he has contributed liberally towards the support of that institution being one of the most liberal contributors and he has also been very liberal in his gifts to the Young Men's Christian Association.

WILLIAM B. IDDINGS.

The name of Iddings has long been a synonym for ability and for success in the practice of law at the Dayton bar. William B. Iddings has for a third of a century been identified with the legal profession here and with the passing of the years his powers have expanded and his success has grown until he stands today as one of the foremost representatives of the legal fraternity of this city. One of Dayton's native sons he was born in 1855, his father being Daniel W. Iddings, who was also born in Dayton, his natal year being 1819. It will thus be seen that for about a century the family has been represented in this city and with progress and development along many lines its members have been actively associated.

Reared in Dayton, Ohio, Daniel W. Iddings continued his residence here up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1883, when he was sixty-four years of age. He completed his literary course by graduation from the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and after preliminary reading was admitted to the bar and entered upon active practice in which he continued until his death. He gave his attention to general law practice, keeping well informed on all departments of jurisprudence and remaining throughout his life a close and discriminating student of principles and precedent. He wedded Miss Maria Rebecca Atkin and unto this marriage were born three sons: Charles D., who died in 1899; William B.; and Alexander, who died in infancy. The mother still survives.

In political circles Daniel W. Iddings was very prominent, taking an active interest in the work of the party and doing all in his power to promote its growth and insure its success. Well fitted for leadership in this connection he was twice called to serve as mayor of Dayton and gave to the city a business-like administration, instituting various needed reforms and improvements. He also served for many

years in the city council and exercised his official prerogatives in support of all that he believed would prove beneficial in municipal affairs. He acted as president of the council for about ten years and as presiding officer his rulings were always characterized by justice and equity. In 1867 he became registrar in bankruptcy and filled that office until the law was repealed. He is yet remembered by his associates and colleagues as a man of irreproachable political and professional integrity, who at all times was actuated by high ideals in his relations to the public.

William B. Iddings is indebted to the public school system of Dayton for the educational privileges that enabled him to lay a strong foundation for professional learning. After leaving the public schools he took up the study of law, in 1873, in the office of his father, Daniel W. Iddings, who directed his reading for two years. He next entered the law department of Union University at Albany, New York, and was graduated in 1876, being at the same time admitted to the bar of that state. Following his return to Ohio he was admitted in the same year to practice in the courts of this state and, locating in Dayton, joined his father and his brother, Charles D. Iddings, in a partnership which continued until dissolved by death, the father passing away in 1883, while the brother's death occurred in 1899. Since that time Mr. Iddings has practiced alone and has been accorded a large clientage for his ability is widely acknowledged. Of a family conspicuous for strong intelligence, indomitable courage and energy he entered upon his career as a lawyer and such is his force of character and natural qualifications that he has made steady advancement and has long been numbered mong the prominent members of the Dayton bar.

In 1903 in this city Mr. Iddings was joined in wedlock to Miss Mary Van Ausdale, daughter of the late Isaac Van Ausdale. They are well known socially and are valued members of the Third Street Presbyterian church. Mr. Iddings gives his political allegiance to the republican party while in fraternal relations he is connected with the Masons. As many of his stanchest friends are those who have known him from his boyhood it is useless to cite other evidence of a life of well directed activity and honorable purpose.

ROSCOE T. STAUTER.

Roscoe T. Stauter is one of the younger representatives of the Dayton bar, yet his comparative youth does not seem to impede his progress as already he has obtained a position in legal circles that many an older practitioner might well envy. He was born on a farm in Clark county, Ohio, January 12, 1881, and was yet an infant when his parents removed to Springfield. There he resided until 1897, when he came to Dayton. He had completed his preliminary education in the schools of Springfield, Ohio, and his collegiate course, was pursued in the university at Ada, Ohio, where he was graduated with the class of 1903, the degree of Bachelor of Law being at that time conferred upon him. In the same year, he was admitted to the bar and began practice in Dayton, where for six years, he has followed his profession. Realizing that industry is as essential in professional as in industrial life, he bends his energies toward the successful man-

agement of every litigated interest entrusted to him, and in the trial of cases, he gives evidence of careful and thorough preparation in the able manner in which he handles the points of his case and meets the attack of the opposing counsel.

While Mr. Stauter votes with the republican party and is in sympathy with its purposes, he takes no active part in the work of the campaigns. He belongs to no secret orders, but holds membership with the United Brethren church.

J. M. FAUVER.

J. M. Fauver, who is at present filling the office of clerk of Van Buren township, is also successfully engaged in general merchandizing in Belmont. A native of Montgomery county, Ohio, he was born March 2, 1864, a son of John and Catherine (Darner) Fauver. The family, which originally came from England, has been represented in this country since early colonial days, the great-great-grandfather of our subject, having arrived in America during the Revolutionary period and participated in the war for independence. The grandparents of our subject, John and Annie (Johnson) Fauver, were among the oldest settlers of this county, the former, a native of New Jersey, arriving here when it was yet an uncultivated district. With his family, he drove across the Alleghenies, his destination being the state of Ohio. Here he located in Montgomery county and cast in his lot with the pioneers, aiding in the work of transforming the wild region into productive fields. He spent his remaining days here and when he passed away, was laid to rest in Woodland. His son, John Fauver, the father of our subject, was but two years of age at the time of the removal from New Jersey, and during the trip was lost in the forest, but was found before he had suffered any injury. He acquired his education in the common schools of the district and assisted on his father's farm until eighteen years of age, when he became identified with the stone-quarry business and was thus connected for thirty-five years, at the expiration of which time, he retired from active business. He had in the meantime, taken up a farm which he cleared and operated. He passed away in 1905.

J. M. Fauver, whose name introduces this review, was one of the youngest members of his father's household and acquired his preliminary education in the schools of this county and also at Dayton, Ohio. He enjoyed the advantage of a course of study at Wilts Commercial College, and thus well equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life, he took his initial step in business life in connection with the dairy business. He purchased six cows and by careful management, indefatigable industry and untiring perserverance, he built up the business until, when he withdrew from that line of activity some time later, he had made considerable money out of the enterprise. The two years succeeding his withdrawal from the dairy business, were spent in travel and then he went into the coal business, continuing in that connection to the present time. He had been most successful in this venture, being accorded a large and constantly growing trade. He has also gained a wide local reputation as a horticulturist, his products being considered the standard on the Dayton market.

In 1893, occurred the marriage of Mr. Fauver and Miss Alice Manning, a daughter of Fred and Elizabeth Manning, and unto this union, were born three children, Fred McClellen, Robert Bruce and Margaret Eileen, the first two being students at school.

Mr. Fauver holds membership in the United Brethren church and takes a deep interest in all of its affairs. He is a member of the school board and has served thereon for several years, the cause of education finding in him a stalwart champion. He has also been a member for several years of the American Insurance Union. He gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and although the honors and emoluments of office have held no attraction for him, he nevertheless is not remiss in the duties of citizenship, but lends the weight of his influence at all times toward those matters which have for their object the material, intellectual and moral welfare of the community. He is well known in this county where his entire life has been spent and during this period his genuine worth, his active life and his high principles have commended him to the respect, trust and good will of all with whom he has been associated.

CHARLES W. DIEHL.

Charles W. Diehl, a gardener of Harrison township and his sister Julia, are the last of the old family of Diehls, who were among the early settlers in this part of the county. Charles W. Diehl was born September 16, 1863, on the truck farm which is his home today, and is the son of Carl and Mary Diehl. The father was about thirty years of age when he came to this country from Germany, the land of his birth. In the old country, he had received all of his education and had already had some experience as a farmer, had in fact made a considerable reputation for himself as a cultivator of the soil, before he came to the United States. Upon his arrival here, he worked at various pursuits, but finally purchased the present homestead and devoted all his energies to bringing from the land the best that it had to give. It was shortly after he became a landholder that he married. His parents, Philip and Elizabeth Diehl, were never induced to leave Germany, their native land.

In the schools of Greencastle, both Charles Diehl and his sister were educated. During the period of their youth, however, work on the farm went hand in hand with the lessons of the school, so that they were both fully equipped, the boy especially, for the responsibilities that later life brought upon them. Upon the death of his father, Charles Diehl took entire charge of the farm, though he had been the virtual manager from the time he was fifteen years old, when his father began to lose his sight and had to resign many of the cares and burdens of life. The farm is located on the Big Four Railroad, whose tracks run through it, and shows the results of its owner's hard work in its well tilled fields, the thorough repair of all buildings and appurtenances, and its general air of prosperity.

Though so much of his time is of necessity given to the cultivation of his garden, Mr. Diehl does not forget that wholesome intercourse with his fellows is one of the joys of life, but gives himself many a pleasant hour in the company of

his fraternal brothers among the Red Men and in Pocahontas lodge. In both of these organizations, he takes a deep interest and is intimately identified with their purposes and ideals. In matters of religion, Mr. Diehl gives his allegiance to the Lutheran church and is loyally faithful to its creed and teachings. In the city of Dayton, he finds a market for the produce of his garden and has built for himself a reputation for honesty and faithfulness that many another might envy.

EDWARD R. MUELLER.

Edward R. Mueller, practicing law at the Dayton bar, was born in this city, February 25, 1872. His father, Joseph Mueller, born in Germany in 1837, came to America in 1852 as a youth of fifteen years. America proved to him such an irresistible attraction that he ran away from home and came alone to the United States. For a short time, he remained in New York and then came westward to Ohio, retaining his residence in Cincinnati for a period of seven years, during which time he worked at the baker's trade, with which he had become somewhat familiar ere leaving the fatherland. On the expiration of that period, he went to Muncie, Indiana, where he continued until 1861, opening a bakery there. In the latter years, he responded to the country's call for troops and served with an Ohio regiment.

Following the close of the war, he returned to Muncie, Indiana, in 1866, and there established a bakery which he conducted for several years. On coming to Dayton, he engaged in the bakery business with his father-in-law, Andrew Haberer, and continued in that line until his death which occurred in Dayton in 1901. He became recognized as one of the representative and well known citizens of the community, conducting a successful business for many years. He held membership in the Catholic church and was also a member of the Old Guard Post, G. A. R.

In Dayton, he was married to Miss Mary Haberer and unto them were born four children, of whom two died in infancy, while two are yet living, the elder brother being Frank S. Mueller of Dayton. After the death of Mrs. Mary Mueller, the father afterward married again, his second union being with Miss Catharine Haberer, a sister of his first wife. They became the parents of three children, of whom two are living: Minnie May, now the wife of Wilford P. Glaser, of Dayton; and Ida F., Mrs. Catharine Mueller, departed this life in 1893.

In the city of his nativity Edward R. Mueller was reared and his education included the regular public school course and two years' study under a private tutor. In preparation for the practice of law, he entered the Cincinnati Law School, from which he was graduated in 1898. On account of his health, he did not take up the active practice of the profession for two years thereafter, but in 1900, opened an office and has since continued in the general practice of law with a growing clientage that is indicative of his ability and his thorough understanding of legal principles. Realizing the fact that industry is as essential in this calling as in any industrial or mercantile pursuit, he applies himself with untiring energy to the mastery of the legal problems presented and has been con-

nected with much of the important work of the courts in the opening years of the present century.

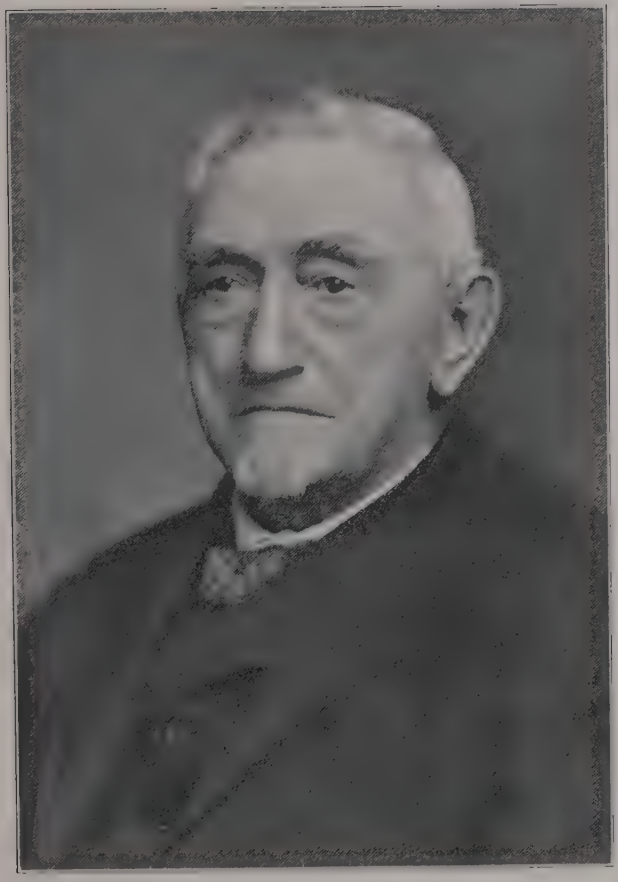
Mr. Mueller is a communicant of the Catholic church in which he was reared and in politics is independent as he does not consider himself bound by party ties, but votes as his judgment dictates.

NICHOLAS THOMAS.

Among the citizens of Dayton who have long been prominently identified with her business interests is Nicholas Thomas, president of The N. Thomas Brewing Company and today the only survivor of the pioneer brewers of the city. A native of Germany, he was born on the 14th of December, 1825, in Esterwege, Hanover, and is a son of John and Regina (Neibers) Thomas. The father, who was a farmer and sheep raiser, died when our subject was only fourteen years of age. At that time the educational facilities in the smaller provinces of Germany were very poor and Nicholas Thomas was only able to attend school for a few years, studying the common branches in a Catholic parochial institution at Esterwege. During the summer seasons he assisted his father in the work of the farm and in herding the sheep. After leaving school he continued to aid in the operation of the farm until about twenty-one years of age.

Up to this time he had been restrained from leaving the old country on account of army regulations, but was subsequently rejected for service, owing to his inability to pass the medical examination. As soon as he was permitted to leave Germany Mr. Thomas sailed for the United States and after a voyage of ten weeks landed at New Orleans, Louisiana, from which point he traveled by boat up the Mississippi and Ohio rivers to Cincinnati. From Cincinnati he walked to Dayton in his stocking feet, carrying his shoes in his pack, although the weather was severely cold. He arrived at Dayton about the middle of January, 1848, but remained in this city for only two weeks at that time, however, working at cleaning the canal. Then in company with three of his fellow countrymen, he started on foot to Decatur, Indiana, reaching that point with only seven dollars in his pocket and having walked the entire distance. He remained there until the following spring, engaged in hauling wood from his uncle's farm to the soap factory, and later, accompanied by a cousin, he went to Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he secured employment on a canal boat transporting stone from Huntington to Fort Wayne. After a lapse of nine months, during which time he was ill with ague, he walked to Minster, Ohio, where he took a canal boat for Dayton.

At that time Mr. Thomas located permanently in this city and during the first three years of his residence here was in the employ of the Dickey stone quarry. He next drove a team for Dan Beckel and later acted as foreman during the excavation of the cellars for the Beckel House and in making and keeping up the turnpikes. He drove a four-horse team, hauling the logs and lumber for the Longstead sawmill, which was then located on the present site of the N. Thomas brewery. Saving some of his earnings, he was at length able to purchase a horse and dray and in 1857 embarked in the drayage business, which he carried on until 1871,



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and in the following four years was employed as night watchman by several banks in Dayton. With a little accumulated capital Mr. Thomas then opened a grocery at the corner of Third and Front streets, being engaged in that business until 1880, when he purchased the Brown brewery, which then had a capacity of about six hundred barrels per year. Through persistent effort he increased the business and was at length able to purchase the buildings and land from Henry Ferneding. In 1900 the business was incorporated under the name of The N. Thomas Brewing Company with Mr. Thomas as president, and at that time the output amounted to eleven thousand barrels per year. In 1906 this plant was merged with the Dayton Breweries Company, Mr. Thomas becoming a director and holding the position of general manager of the N. Thomas plant, which now has a capacity of eighty thousand barrels per year. He is also interested in a number of other enterprises, being president of the Thomas Real Estate Company and a director of the Equitable Loan & Savings Association, both of Dayton.

On the 22d of November, 1852, at Emanuel church, Dayton, Mr. Thomas was married to Miss Margreth Hilgefort, who had emigrated from Oldenberg, Germany, the wedding ceremony being performed by Rev. Junker. Of the five children born to them all are now deceased with the exception of one daughter, Katherine A., now the wife of William F. Breidenbach, who is associated in business with Mr. Thomas, and all reside at their present home at No. 2206, East Third street. Mrs. Thomas is now eighty-one years of age, while her husband is eighty-four years.

A life-long communicant of the Catholic church, Mr. Thomas was one of the founders of Holy Trinity, with which he still holds membership. He is also a charter member of the Knights of St. John and the Society of St. Lawrence, and is a retired member of the Uniform Rank, Knights of St. John. He is a life member of St. Joseph's Orphan Association and has ever been a liberal contributor to church and charitable work. Although he has passed the eighty-fourth milestone on life's journey, he is still actively engaged in business, his health being exceptionally good, and he is daily found at his office. It is a remarkable fact that Mr. Thomas was more than fifty-five years of age when he entered into business on his own account, an age when most men retire, and the wonderful success that he has achieved is due to his own unaided efforts, good business ability and sound judgment.

PHILIP JERGENS, JR.

One of the most comfortable and most modern homes in Mad River township, is that of Philip Jergens, Jr., a wholesale and retail butcher, who has a stand at No. 17 Central Market, Dayton. He is also the owner of four acres of land on the Old Troy pike, which he uses in his business. He was born September 22, 1855, in Montgomery county, at a place called Brushtown, which was the site of the old homestead, and is the son of Philip and Mary (Steffin) Jergens. His grandfather, William Jergens, a native of Baden, Germany, was a carpenter by trade and came to this country when a young man, becoming one of

the early settlers of Cincinnati. Later, after he had retired from business, he came to Montgomery county, where he lived with his son Phillip, Sr., to an advanced age.

Philip Jergens, Sr., was born in Warsaw, near Cincinnati, and in his early manhood, he bought twenty acres of land in the vicinity of his home, upon which he engaged in truck gardening, finding a market for his produce in Cincinnati. After a few years, he removed to Montgomery county and bought the old homestead, which is now valued at one thousand dollars an acre because of its proximity to Dayton. On this were all his family of nine children reared. Three of these, Margaret, Jacob and William, have died, while the others, Lena, Mary, Elizabeth, Philip, Jr., Peter and Joseph, are all living in Montgomery county. Mrs. Philip Jergens Sr., was the daughter of Peter Steffin, who had come to this country from Germany, when he was about forty years old. He purchased land in Campbell county, Kentucky and was one of the early settlers in that locality. A long and useful life of ninety-seven years was allotted to him, and his death resulted from an accident—the kick of a colt. Philip Jergens, Sr., is a man of means and a citizen highly respected for the fine qualities of his character, which he has transmitted in no small degree to the son who bears his name.

Philip Jergens, Jr., received his early training for life under the parental roof and in the schools of Dayton. During this period, he made good use of the opportunities at hand and since has let no chance for self-improvement slip by him, so that he is a well educated man. In his youth, he combined school work with the duties of the home and farm, on which he worked until he was seventeen. He then started to learn the butcher's trade, which he followed for three years. The next period of an equal number of years, he spent at home, after which he entered the butcher business for himself, opening a shop at Bride and Monroe Avenue. A few years later, he removed to No. 17 Central Market, where he is now established.

On the 29th of April, 1879, Mr. Jergens married Miss Mary Abele, a daughter of John and Barbara (Finkmeyer) Abele, of Dayton. Her father was a cooper by trade and like his wife, was a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Jergens are the parents of a son and a daughter. Philip Peter Jergens married Miss Riola Blazer and is now the father of two children: Philip Andrew and Mary Catherine. He is in business with his father and lives in a very pretty home which the latter built for him in his own yard. Ida Mary Magdalen, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jergens, lives at home but has all her social interests in Dayton. She is a young woman of many attainments, for besides being a graduate of the high school, she holds a gold medal in music and was the recipient of honors when she completed her course at Notre Dame. She takes an active part in the work of the young people of the church of the Holy Rosary and is a charter member of the sodality of that body. Mrs. Jergens is also identified with the interests of the church, for she is a member of the Woman's Society, of the Orphans, and of the Tabernacler Society of Notre Dame.

Like the rest of his family, Mr. Jergens takes an active part in the affairs, both social and business, of the church of the Holy Rosary, of which he has for the past year been a trustee. The several organizations connected with this body, the Orphans, St. Joseph's Society and the Knights of St. Joseph, No. 115,

have his name upon their roll-call. As a member of the Young Butchers Society, he keeps abreast with the interests of his fellows in that line of work. He is a man of wide experience; his name is well known among those engaged in butchering and those who have come in contact with him in a business way have never had reason to complain of his treatment of them, for he is a man who holds to a high code of honor in all his dealings.

SAMUEL MILLER.

Samuel Miller, successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits in Madison township, is the owner of a fine farm of one hundred and thirty-six acres situated about one mile south of the Wolf Creek pike and three and a half miles southwest of Trotwood. It was on this place that his birth occurred on the 7th of July, 1853, his parents being David and Anna (Shock) Miller. The paternal grandparents were David and Hannah (Pfoutz) Miller, the former the first representative of the Miller family to come to this county, the date of his arrival being 1808. In 1812, he took up the tract of land which is now the property of our subject and there carried on general farming until the time of his demise, being buried by the side of his wife on the farm of John Garber in Perry township, Montgomery county. His wife lived to be ninety-one years of age and was one of the oldest settlers in this part of the country.

David Miller, the father of our subject, was but a small child when he accompanied his parents on their removal from Augusta county, Virginia, to this part of the state, which at that early day was still covered with timber. He was connected with agricultural interests throughout his active business career and was well known throughout the community as one of its most highly esteemed and enterprising citizens. He was twice married and by his first wife, Miss Liza Souders, had two children: Ephraim; and Mary, deceased. By his second wife, who bore the maiden name of Anna Shock, he had nine children, namely: John, Susanna, Hannah and David, all of whom have passed away; Amos; Rachel; Samuel, of this review; Aaron; and Catharine.

Samuel Miller attended the schools of his home locality in the acquirement of an education and has always lived on the farm on which his birth occurred. When about thirteen years of age, he came into possession of the old homestead property and by capable management and indefatigable industry, has brought it to its present high state of development and improvement. In addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to the soil and climate, he is also engaged in stock-raising to some extent and likewise devotes considerable attention to gardening, finding a ready market for his products in Dayton.

On the 26th of September, 1878, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Miss Susan Arnold, a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth (Andrews) Arnold. Her father made his way from Virginia to this county, settling near Phillipsburg, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born the following children: Alice Victoria, the wife of Frank Shock, an agriculturist of Montgomery county, by whom she has two children, Muriel Corinne and Edna Elizabeth; Susie Elizabeth,

who is the wife of Homer Garber, a farmer of this county, and has four children, Chester L., Edna May, Virgil Roy and Ethel Marie; Cora May, the wife of Milton Lentz, an agriculturist of this county, by whom she has one child, Herbert LeRoy; Martha Lucretia, who has finished her education and is living at home; Hettie Vietta, deceased; Harvey Calvin, who is a farmer by occupation and still resides under the parental roof; Mary Florence, who is attending school; Bessie Ann, who is likewise a school student; Chester Samuel, who is attending school and also assists his father in the cultivation of the home farm; and Emerson Ray.

Mr. Miller is a member of the old German Baptist church, in which he is serving as one of the trustees. Throughout his entire life, he has lived in Montgomery county, and great have been the changes that have occurred during this period. The splendidly cultivated farms with their fine homes and good buildings and the enterprising towns and cities, present a picture that bear little resemblance to the county in which his grandfather took up his abode, for at that time the land was still covered with the native forest growth. The Miller family at once became active factors in bringing about the changes which have been wrought and Samuel Miller of this review has borne his full share in the work of general improvement.

AMANDA HEETER.

Harrison township can boast of at least one woman of undeniable energy and shrewdness in affairs beyond the home—Mrs. Amanda Heeter. Her natural capacity for business, which was evident in her youth, has been exercised and developed by the success of her wise operations. Yet her industries are those which have ever been regarded as particularly within a woman's province, even before the conditions of life were as complicated as at the present and woman had not entered the industrial world. But while all women connected with farming take an especial pride in their dairy, few have the opportunity or the desire to build up from it an important commercial asset. The dairy which Mrs. Heeter started and of which she is the sole proprietor and manager is the most successful in the county, and the mill which she controls on the Cincinnati pike, about five miles south of Dayton, has a capacity of seventy-five barrels. In addition to these enterprises she has a farm, a fine piece of land of twelve acres, which she refuses to sell despite the many offers which would be tempting to a less clever woman.

Darke county, Ohio, in which Mrs. Heeter acquired her early education and first displayed her business ability, was the place of her birth. She is a daughter of Peter and Margaret (Stricker) Black and is the eldest in their family of four children, the others being: Abraham, now deceased; Mrs. Sarah McMillan; and John. Her mother was only five years old when she came to this country, but the Black family were of Virginian origin.

At Lewisburg, Ohio, in 1870, Miss Amanda Black was united in marriage to Nelson Heeter, a son of Jacob and Susan (Kerner) Heeter. Although a car-

penter by trade, Nelson Heeter now assists his wife in the management of the dairy and mill. Unto them were born four children, but the first two, who were twins, did not survive the period of infancy. Those living are Edward and Agnes. The son, who is now in the employ of the National Cash Register Company of Dayton, married Miss Anna Seikmon and to them have been born three children, Edward Nelson, Frederick Jacob and Jefferson Hugo. The family are widely and favorably known and they have many friends in Dayton.

Enterprise, united with business acumen and industry, has gained for Mrs. Heeter well deserved success and an enviable position among the people of her vicinity. Her life is a fine example of how a woman can employ most profitably the opportunities that lie ready to her hand, enter the business world with all its competition and still remain true to her finest nature.

ALONZO MICHAEL.

Alonzo Michael, farmer and prominent citizen of Miami township, is the owner of one hundred and twelve acres of fine land on the Alexanderville and Belbrook roads, about a quarter of a mile from the former in an easterly direction. He was born February 26, 1870, and is the son of Elias and Sarah (Brunner) Michael, who are still living, making their home about a quarter of a mile east of our subject. The father came to this state from Maryland with his parents, Jacob and Catherine (Stine) Michael, who were the first of the family to locate here, and throughout life he has followed the occupation of farming. Our subject has one sister, Ada, the wife of D. W. Edy of Dayton.

Alonzo Michael was born on the Brunner farm, which lies not far outside the corporation limits of Germantown, and was but six years of age when the family removed to a farm in Miami township. At home and in the public schools, he received his early preparation for life and later attended a commercial college at Dayton, for he looked forward to a business career. He has, however, followed farming since attaining manhood, but his commercial training has aided him greatly in the management of his business affairs.

Mr. Michael was united in marriage to Miss Maud A. Weeks, a daughter of W. W. and Ruth (Creal) Weeks. She is a descendant of the Cranstons of Rhode Island, Governor Cranston being her great-great-great-grandfather, and she is eligible to membership in all of the colonial societies in this country as the family were prominent in Revolutionary times. Her father, W. W. Weeks, was born and reared in Warren county, Ohio, and her mother is a native of Tuscarawas county, this state. Some years ago, however, they became residents of Montgomery county and now make their home in the city of Dayton. Mrs. Michael has three brothers: W. Glen and Fred W., both residents of Lewis, Canada; and Guy C., now attending the University at Columbus, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Michael has been born one son, E. Lee. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal church of Dayton.

Mr. Michael takes an active interest in public affairs and exerts his influence in support of those measures, which he believes will benefit his county, state and

nation. At present, he is serving as treasurer of the Montgomery County Fair Association and is also secretary and treasurer of the State Association of the Farmers National Congress. For a period of six years, he has served as justice of the peace and he has always been found true to every trust reposed in him, whether of a public or private nature, so that he has gained the confidence and respect of those with whom he has come in contact.

ALBERT PRETZINGER.

Albert Pretzinger, an architect of Dayton, whose skill and ability are evidenced in a number of fine structures of this and surrounding cities, was born in Dayton, February 28, 1863. As the name indicates he is of German lineage. His father, John Jacob Pretzinger, was born in Reutlingen, Wertumberg, Germany, December 16, 1823, and as a young man came to America, August 17, 1852. He was educated for the ministry in the institute at Cornthal, Wertumberg, Germany, his father being a Lutheran minister. After his arrival in the United States he remained three months in New York, when, at the instigation of his uncle, he located in Greenville, Ohio, where he engaged in the mercantile business, which was continued for a period of two years. On November 1, 1854, he came to Dayton and became interested in the wholesale liquor business and in 1856 launched in the wholesale liquor business with Dr. Jefferson Walters. He remained in this business until he was compelled to retire by failing health. He was a broad-minded man in whom Dayton found a progressive citizen, largely interested in her welfare. He was married in Germany to Miss Lena Schauwecker and unto them were born the following children: Rudolph and Louise, deceased; Emelie; Herman; Otto, who has also passed away; and Albert. The father died in Dayton in 1863 but the mother is still living in this city at the age of eighty-three years.

Albert Pretzinger spent his youthful days in Dayton, his time occupied by the duties of the schoolroom and the sports in which most boys indulge. He put aside his text-books in 1882 and started in business life in the office of Leon Beaver, an architect of Dayton, who instructed him in the scientific and practical work of the profession for four years.

Because of his health Mr. Pretzinger went to California in 1886 and remained on the Pacific coast until 1889 through the winter months, while the summer seasons were passed in Dayton in the office of Peters & Burns, well known architects of this city. Since 1889 he has been closely associated with his profession in Dayton. In that year he took charge of the office of Peters & Burns, continuing there in a responsible position until 1893, when he was admitted to a partnership under the firm style of Peters, Burns & Pretzinger. This relation was maintained until the 1st of January, 1907, when the partnership was dissolved and Mr. Pretzinger has since been alone in practice. He now has a large clientage and his business is of an important character, his ability being shown in a number of the attractive buildings of the city. He was the architect of the Reibold building and Commercial building; was in charge of

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the construction of the Steele high school building while with Peters & Burns; and was also the architect of the Rentschler building and the Odd Fellows' Temple at Hamilton. He has made designs for and superintended the construction of a number of prominent buildings, including the new technical high school at Springfield, Ohio, the new building for The Dayton Daily News, the First Reformed church, Xenia, Ohio, and many fine residences throughout the west. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects and his ability has won him classification with the prominent representatives of the profession throughout the west.

Mr. Pretzinger has three children: Florence Louise, Freeman Albert and Mary Ellen. Freeman, the son, is now studying architecture at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he will finish his course in 1911. After this he will continue his studies in the Ecole Des Beaux Arts, Paris, where his education will be finally completed.

Mr. Pretzinger's political allegiance is given to the republican party where national questions are involved but in municipal elections he casts an independent ballot, regarding only the capability of the candidate for the position he seeks. Fraternally Mr. Pretzinger is connected with the Dayton lodge of Elks and the Masonic lodge and his social nature further finds expression in his membership in the Smizer Family, the Dayton City Club and the Dayton Bicycle Club.

FREDERICK J. CELLARIUS.

Frederick J. Cellarius, city civil engineer of Dayton, was born July 31, 1865, in the city where he makes his home. His father was Henry Cellarius, who was born in Schwartzburg, Rhudelstadt, Germany, in 1831 and as a young man of twenty-one years, came to Dayton, where he established his home in 1858. Frederick's grandfather was the Rev. H. F. E. Cellarius, a distinguished representative of the Lutheran church, who was clergyman to the reigning prince of Schwartzburg.

Henry Cellarius, father of our subject, while a resident of Cincinnati, in July, 1858, wedded Miss Mary C. Haessig, a native of Switzerland, who came to America with her father, Dr. Frederick Haessig, about 1852. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Cellarius were born seven children, of whom five are living: Herman F., Frederick J., Gustave A., Lydia and Edith P. The family adhere to the Lutheran church, of which Mr. Cellarius was a member.

Frederick J. Cellarius was reared in Dayton and in the public schools passed through consecutive grades, until he was graduated from the Central high school with the class of 1884. Four years later, he completed a course in the Ohio State University, at Columbus, graduating with the degree of civil engineer. Returning to his native city, he entered upon the practice of his profession and in 1890, was appointed assistant city civil engineer, serving as such until 1905 with the exception of one year. In January, 1908, he was appointed to his present position as city civil engineer, in which capacity, he is giving excellent service, owing to his thorough training and experience in the line of his profession. He

is a member of the Ohio Engineering Society and that he stands high with the representatives of the profession, is indicated by the fact that he served as secretary and treasurer of the society for a number of years and at the present time is a member of the board of trustees. In 1907, he published an exhaustive atlas, showing in detail all lots, city lands, rivers, railroads, etc., in the city, a work valuable to all engaged in civil engineering or who seek accurate knowledge concerning locations in Dayton. While practicing his profession, Mr. Cellarius has engaged extensively in the development of suburban real estate and in that connection has erected a large number of residence properties.

Mr. Cellarius was married in October, 1904, to Miss Edith Garber, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and they are well known in social circles of Dayton. Mr. Cellarius gives stalwart allegience to the democratic party. He is a member of the Chi Phi college fraternity and is a Scottish Rite Mason, having attained the thirty-second degree. He is also a Knight Templar and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine. He likewise has membership relations with the Elks and with the Dayton Bicycle Club. His friends, and they are many, find him a social, genial gentleman, whose substantial qualities well merit their regard and esteem.

PAUL D. HALE, M. D.

Although one of the younger representatives of the medical fraternity in Dayton, Dr. Paul D. Hale is making substantial advance in his profession. He was born in Lisbon, Ohio, April 10, 1878, a son of James T. Hale, who is now living on Cottage Grove avenue in Dayton. During the Civil war the father enlisted at the age of fourteen in an Ohio regiment from Cincinnati and remained in the service for about two years. The doctor has one brother, William J. Hale, who is professor of chemistry in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and also a sister, Ilo, the wife of J. B. Anderson of Key West, Florida. Dr. Hale is a nephew of Dr. W. A. Hale, pastor of the First Reformed church of Dayton, whose sketch appears on another page of this work.

In his youthful days Dr. Hale accompanied his parents on their removal to Fairfield, Ohio, where his father, who was a minister, accepted a pastorate. Owing to the fact that his father was called to various charges Dr. Hale pursued his education in different public schools of Ohio prior to receiving a collegiate training at Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, where he was graduated with the degree of B. S. in the class of 1898. His professional training was received in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, his name being on the roll of the alumni of 1901.

Dr. Hale located for practice in Dayton the same year and has since given his attention to the general work of the profession. He is careful in the diagnosis of his cases, is systematic and thorough and, in the faithful discharge of each day's duty in his professional round of calls, finds courage and inspiration for the labors of the succeeding day. He has now practiced for eight years in Dayton with constantly increasing success, and makes a specialty of genito-urinary and skin diseases. He remains a student of his profession and adds to his knowledge through his membership in the Montgomery County Medical Society, the Ohio State Medi-

cal Association and the American Medical Association, in the meetings of which topics of vital interest to the profession are discussed. His political support is given of the republican party and his fraternal relations are with the Knights of Pythias and the Foresters. He belongs to the Presbyterian church and is popular in the different organizations with which he is connected. The Doctor's favorite pastime is hunting in the west and his office is profusely decorated with many trophies of these expeditions.

CAPTAIN EPHRAIM MORGAN WOOD.

Few residents of Dayton are more prominent or widely known than Captain Ephraim Morgan Wood, because of his official relations with public affairs, his important business concerns and also by reason of his oratory which has brought him into prominence on many occasions as a public speaker. He has now passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten and yet is actively interested in the affairs of moment, keeping always well informed upon questions of general importance. Cincinnati numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred in that city, January 24, 1838. His father, Dr. William Wood, was a distinguished representative of the medical profession and an educator of ability in that line. For a long period, he occupied a chair in the Cincinnati Medical College and was well known in the profession as a writer upon subjects of deep interest to the medical fraternity. His writings interested a still wider range and were characterized by clear cut thought and an interesting presentation of the subject under discussion. He married a daughter of Ephraim Morgan, a well known citizen of Cincinnati and one of the founders of the Cincinnati Gazette. The ancestry on the maternal line can be traced back to Captain Miles Morgan, one of the founders of Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1636, and a brave officer in the Indian wars, in whose honor a statue has been erected in the most prominent square in Springfield.

Reared in a home atmosphere of intellectual culture and refinement, Captain Wood was stimulated in all of his school and college days by the interest that his parents took in his intellectual progress. He was graduated from Yale University at the age of nineteen years and soon afterward took up the study of law with Justice Stanley Matthews, afterward of the United States supreme court, as his preceptor. Admitted to the bar, he was soon appointed by President Lincoln captain of the Fifteenth United States Infantry and he put aside all business and professional relations in order to loyally defend the interests of the Union in the south. He did active service along the Mississippi until failing health compelled him to resign, when he returned home.

On leaving the army, Captain Wood took up his abode in Dayton. He had married Miss Victoria H. Clegg of this city, and has since been a factor in its business activities and affairs. From time to time, he has made judicious investments in different business concerns, becoming a director of several large manufacturing interests and also of the Winters National Bank. His judgment is sound in relation to the control of extensive and important commercial and industrial concerns, from which he derives a substantial annual income.

For six years, Captain Wood was president of the board of education and for seven years was a member of the city council as its presiding officer, during which time he exercised his official prerogative and influence for public progress, reform and improvement. He was largely instrumental, while serving on the board of education, in establishing the office of superintendent of schools and also of the normal school. Public education has ever been to him a matter of deep interest and his efforts in its behalf have been far-reaching and beneficial. He is also widely known because of his activity in the church and has held a number of leading offices in the Episcopal diocese of southern Ohio. His membership relations extend to the Ohio Society of Colonial Wars, to the Sons of the American Revolution and to the Loyal Legion. Captain Wood is also widely known as an orator, having been called upon to address the public on many momentous occasions. Many of his speeches have been published and widely circulated and at all times he has the power of holding the audience by his attractive delivery as well as by the substratum of logical thought which ever underlies his words. He enjoys the honor and respect of all with whom he has come in contact, for though men may differ from him in opinion, they never question the sincerity of his convictions.

CLEMENT LEARD WEAVER.

Clement Leard Weaver, a resident farmer of Jackson township, where he was born February 1, 1863, is now meeting with a gratifying measure of success in his chosen life work. He is a son of John Daniel and Elizabeth (Tibecap) Weaver, both natives of that township. He comes from a family that has long been represented in this section of the county, his grandfather, John J. Weaver, having come with his father, Jacob Weaver, to Jackson township, about 1809 or 1810, casting in his lot with the early settlers of this district. His son, John Daniel Weaver, the father of our subject, was the proprietor of a store here for about three years and then for a number of years operated a sawmill. His later years, however, have been devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been very successful. In his family were six children, namely: Elmira, Alice, Theodore, Ervesta, Elmer and Clement.

Clement Leard Weaver, whose name introduces this review, spent his boyhood and youth under the parental roof, entering the common schools at the usual age, therein acquiring a good English education. When not busy with his text-books, he worked with his father and after leaving school, began learning the carpenter's trade. He followed this pursuit for about four years and then for six seasons operated a thresher. During the intervening period he had been a hard worker and had carefully saved his earnings, so that eventually, he had accumulated sufficient means with which to purchase a farm of his own. This place is a finely improved property, the air of neatness and prosperity surrounding it bespeaking the care and attention bestowed upon it by its owner.

On the 2d of December, 1895, Mr. Weaver wedded Miss Alice Wegley, a daughter of Samuel and Catherine (Heeter) Wegley, of Jackson township. This union was blessed with six children, namely: Sadie, born in 1896; Opal, born in

1899; Ralph, born in 1901; John, born in 1904; Ida, born in 1906; and Orville, born in 1908. The parents are members of the Lutheran church, in the work of which they have always taken a deep interest. Mr. Weaver has never been an aspirant for public office, preferring to concentrate his undivided time and attention to the management of his personal interests. In his farm work, he has made steady advancement and has gained a reputation for business integrity and activity that is most commendable and therein lies the secret of his success.

JOHN MARION SHOUP.

John Marion Shoup, a well known citizen of Wayne township, is the owner of seventy-nine acres of fine farm land near the old Troy pike, on the Sulphur Grove road. He was born July 21, 1860, and is the son of Henry B. and Mary Ann (Lewis) Shoup. The birth of the father occurred in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, but he came here as a boy and has been prominent in all township affairs. He followed the vocation of a farmer and later became interested in lime kilns. For the past forty years, he has been engaged in this later work for himself and been more than ordinarily successful. He is still leading an active life, though he is one of the oldest men of the township. As a member of the school board for a number of years, he contributed his influence to improving the methods and means of education here, and in other matters of public concern, he evinced the same interest and generous spirit.

John Marion Shoup was reared at home and received the foundation of his preparation for life in the Union and Wayne schools. During all the years that he was a student, however, he worked with his father on the farm, in this way making double use of his time. General farming has been his principal concern, but of recent years, he has undertaken the raising of stock, and has engaged to some extent in the buying and selling of cattle. In Dayton, he finds his market, both for the products of the soil and the live stock.

On the 20th of November, 1884, Mr. Shoup was united in marriage to Miss Nettie M. Reel, a daughter of William and Caroline (Curtis) Reel. Her father, who was a butcher in Indiana, has passed away, and her mother has married a second time and is still living. Eleven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Shoup: Myrtle M. M., the wife of William Smith and the mother of a daughter, Lucile; Marion H. B., living in Illinois; Belle and Raymond, who both live at home; Irene, who has passed away; and Royal, Oram, Odella, Beulah, A. Jay and an infant, all of whom live under the parental roof. The family are members of the United Brethren church, in which Mr. Shoup is prominent as the incumbent of several offices.

Though a successful farmer, it is for his public spirited work as a citizen of Wayne township that Mr. Shoup is best known. As township trustee, and as a member of the school board for twelve years, he has evinced that consideration for the public welfare and that determination to exert himself in its behalf that is the distinguishing mark of the highest citizenship. He also takes a prominent part in church work, for he is a trustee, steward and class leader in the United

Brethren church. In short, he is a man in whom people are bound to place confidence and upon whose judgment they are accustomed to rely. In his case, this confidence and reliance is not misplaced, and those who have had business dealings with him, speak with commendation of his methods.

WILLIAM FREDERICK BREIDENBACH.

William Frederick Breidenbach, a prominent business man and leading citizen of Dayton, was born in that city on the 1st of January, 1869, his parents being Frederick and Marguerite (Weis) Breidenbach. His mother, was the only daughter of Reinhardt Weis, a pioneer merchant of Dayton. In early life Frederick Breidenbach worked as a mechanic but later entered mercantile business, which he continued to carry on for a number of years, but is now living retired, enjoying a well earned rest. Both he and his wife emigrated from Germany to this country with their respective parents when about four years of age.

In the public schools of Dayton, William Frederick Breidenbach obtained a good practical education and later pursued a business course in the Miami Commercial College. On leaving that institution and finding no bookkeeping or clerical position available, he entered the construction department of the Edison Lighting Company of Dayton, his work consisting of the installation of lights and motors, and he remained in their employ for about two years. Leaving home at the age of twenty, he went to New York city, where he accepted a position in the construction department of the Edison Lighting Company and was there in charge of the installation work for about six months. He then became traveling inspector for the old United Edison Manufacturing Company in the engineering department, remaining in that capacity after they were merged into the Edison General Electric Company and later the General Electric Company, and his work in that position caused him to travel extensively throughout the United States and Canada. On leaving that company he traveled for a number of years as salesman for electric lighting and railway supplies, after which he took up the work of manufacturers agent, but being desirous of returning home and making Dayton his future residence, in 1889 he became associated with John F. Ohmer in the promotion and manufacture of a street car register, this resulting in the present Ohmer Fare Register Company of Dayton. For a few years he took an active part in the affairs of that company, being in charge of the contracting and installation department as manager, but this work caused him to be away from home much of the time and in 1903 he became associated with his father-in-law, Nicholas Thomas, in the brewery business of the N. Thomas Brewing Company. This company was later merged and is now a part of the Dayton Breweries Company, Mr. Breidenbach being assistant manager of the N. Thomas plant. He is also identified with other business interests, being one of the promoters of the Dayton Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of which he is now vice-president and a director. He was also one of the promoters and builders of the Lawrence Railway & Light Company, of Lawrence, Kansas, and is a director and treasurer of that concern.

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At Holy Trinity church of Dayton, on the 26th of June, 1901, Rev. Charles H. Hahne performed the ceremony which made Mr. Breidenbach and Miss Katherine A. Thomas man and wife, the latter being the only daughter of Nicholas Thomas, president of the N. Thomas Brewing Company. Both are active members of that church and Mr. Breidenbach is also a life member of the St. Joseph's Orphans Association and of the Elks Lodge, No. 58, of Dayton. In addition to these organizations he is connected with the Gem City Council, No. 3, United Commercial Travelers of America, and the Gem City Democratic Club, aside from several other social clubs. His political support is usually given to the democracy but he is liberal in his views and a stanch supporter of good government. For some time he was a member of the old Phoenix Light Infantry of the Ohio National Guard and during the Spanish-American war recruited a company of volunteers but was not called out for service, as the Ohio quota had been filled and was in no need of more troops. He is prominent in both business and social affairs and has a wide circle of friends in this city which he has always claimed as home.

GEORGE G. SHAW.

Executive force and keen discrimination are the salient elements in the business career of George G. Shaw, now the president of the Dayton Paper Novelty Company. He has thus attained to considerable prominence in the commercial circles of his native city. He was born in 1865 and here spent his youthful days in the home of his father, George Wilson Shaw, whose birth occurred in Rising Sun, Indiana, in 1823. The ancestry of the family is traced back to John and Susanna Shaw. The family were originally English Friends or Quakers and their earliest American location was in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. By deed, dated July 7, 1697, John Shaw acquired title to three hundred acres of land in the lower part of what is now Northampton, Bucks county. In 1709, he is on record as a resident of Southampton and his name and that of his son, James, are among the petitioners, December 11, 1722, for the separate township of Northampton. He and his wife were members of the Middletown monthly meeting of the Society of Friends. They had ten children.

The eldest, James Shaw, born January 9, 1694, died December 3, 1761, at Plumstead, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. He was married September 24, 1718, at Abington meeting house, in Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, to Mary Brown, who died June 9, 1764. She was a daughter of Thomas and Mary Brown. Her father, born in 1666, emigrated from Barking, Essex county, England, and after living sometime in Philadelphia and Abington, Pennsylvania, located near Dyerstown, Bucks county, as early as 1712. By deed, dated June 18, 1724, he conveyed to James Shaw two hundred acres of land in Plumstead. James and Mary Shaw had six children, including Alexander Shaw, the direct ancestor of our subject in the third generation.

Alexander Shaw, the direct ancestor of George G. Shaw, in the third generation, was born November 4, 1734, and his life record covered the intervening years to the 11th of January, 1790. He married Sarah Brown, widow of Moses

Brown, and, surviving her husband for twenty-two years, she passed away about 1812. All of their children were born on the Shaw homestead which Alexander inherited from his father and which was situated about three miles northeast of Doylestown, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. The family numbered eight children.

The eldest was George Shaw, who was born April 2, 1760, and died on the 21st of August, 1801, while his wife, who bore the maiden name of Mary Wilson, died at Evansville, Indiana, about 1828. After losing her first husband, she became the wife of Johnson Watson, by whom she had a daughter, Elizabeth, who was married twice. A deed, dated April 1, 1797, recorded in Bucks county, Pennsylvania, shows that Thomas Brown conveyed land in Plumstead, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, to his son-in-law, James Shaw, on June 18, 1784, and on the 14th of December, 1759, James Shaw deeded part of this to his son Alexander Shaw, who died intestate and the orphans court adjusted this land to his eldest son, George Shaw. On the 1st of April, 1797, George Shaw and his wife Mary, of Plumstead, deeded this land to John Fell. Mrs. George Shaw was born in 1763. Her parents were John and Elizabeth Wilson, of Nockamixon, Bucks county, Pennsylvania. The father died in December, 1773, leaving two children. John and Mary. The mother afterward became the wife of William Keith, of Wakefield, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, who died in 1781. Her third husband was Robert Gibson, who was appointed guardian of David Shaw, minor son of George and Mary (Wilson) Shaw. George and Mary Shaw had three children.

David Shaw, their youngest son, was born in Plumstead, Bucks county, Pennsylvania, February 26, 1796, and died at Madison, Indiana, December 24, 1860. About 1818, he removed west with his mother, two brothers and a half-sister, Elizabeth Watson. He was married July 29, 1819, to Nancy Speer Andrews and they resided near Dayton, Ohio, where his sons, Charles G. and George W., were born. He then removed with his family to Rising Sun, Indiana, where his children Theodore, Edward C., Hugh, John, James, Elizabeth and Eleanora, were born. About 1836, he became a resident of Madison, Indiana, where he purchased the dry-goods store of John Lodge, continuing in business there until he retired a few years prior to his death. Unto him and his wife were born ten children. Of that family, George Wilson Shaw became the father of our subject. He is mentioned elsewhere in this volume.

George Guilford Shaw, the youngest son of George Wilson and Mary (Perrine) Shaw, was born in Dayton, Ohio, August 20, 1865, and was educated in the Dayton schools until he was qualified for entrance in Wollaston Seminary at East Hampton, Massachusetts, where he remained as a pupil until 1887. He then left school to travel in Europe. A distinguished writer and scholar has said that a year's travel abroad is equivalent to a four years' college course and at least Mr. Shaw returned with a mind enriched with the experiences of his sojourn in the old world. Taking up his abode in Chicago, he there engaged in a merchandise brokerage business, continuing in the western metropolis for three years. He next became secretary and treasurer of the Dayton Paper Novelty Company and was elected its president in 1900. This is a growing and important productive industry of the city, making many interesting and attractive novelties in the paper line and having a ready sale for its output. Mr. Shaw is also treasurer of the Pioneer Tar Soap Company and the value of his business

discernment and unfaltering enterprise, are further manifest in the fact that he has been elected to the directorate of the National Cash Register Company and of the Third National Bank of Dayton.

In 1900, in his native city, Mr. Shaw was married to Miss Sophie Craighead, only daughter of the late William and Margaret (Wright) Craighead, and their children are George Wilson and Margaret Craighead. The parents hold membership in the First Presbyterian church and are much interested in its various activities and the extension of its influence. Mr. Shaw is a republican in his political connections, while socially, he is connected with the Dayton City Club, the Country Club and Buzfuz. His social qualities render him popular and his business ability places him in the front rank among the enterprising young men of the city who are making each day's labor count for the advancement of their own interests and for the development of commercial and industrial growth in Dayton.

ALEXANDER MACK.

Alexander Mack, superintendent of the House of Detention at No. 442 North Main street in Dayton, was born on the 2d of November, 1842, in the city which is still his place of residence. His parents were Gottlieb and Dorothy (Naley) Mack. His grandfather, Emanuel Mack, was the founder of the family in the new world. By trade, he was a baker and became one of the early settlers of Montgomery county. Gottlieb Mack was born in Germany, where he was reared to early manhood, acquiring his education in the schools of that land and also learning his trade in Germany. On coming to America, he first located at Philadelphia, where he married and later he removed to Dayton, establishing the butchering business at that time, delivering his meat to his customers from a wheelbarrow. In the course of time, he built up a good business and employed several assistants. Subsequently, he conducted a hotel and in later years went to Indiana, where he was engaged in the packing business, spending his remaining days in that state.

Alexander Mack, whose name introduces this review, was educated in the schools of Dayton and worked with his father to the age of thirteen years, when the parent died. He then started out to earn his own living and selected as an occupation the trade which his father had previously followed—that of butchering. He went to work when about fourteen years of age and remained in the employ of others until he had attained his majority, when he began business for himself, establishing a butcher shop on Valley street in North Dayton, which he successfully conducted for four years. Subsequently he was superintendent of the stockyards for two years and also superintendent of the market for a similar period. During this time the old market was replaced with a new one and Mr. Mack had charge of the renting of all curbstone spaces, which was the first time in the history of Dayton, that the city received any revenue from this source. After again becoming connected with the butchering trade, he conducted business along that line for fifteen years, winning a most gratifying measure of success and becoming one of the best known butchers in the state of Ohio. Few men

have been better informed concerning the quality of meats and the market prices, and the capable management of his business affairs brought to him a commendable and well merited degree of prosperity. At length he retired from active connection with the butchering business and later accepted the position of superintendent of the Dayton workhouse, which is one of the highest honors that the democratic party can confer. On retiring from that position, he again became connected with the meat trade and was thus occupied until asked by the probate judge to accept his present position as superintendent of the House of Detention.

Mr. Mack was married to Miss Elizabeth Engellauf, a daughter of John and Christine (Myers) Engellauf. Unto them were born four children: Charles W., who married Jennie Goehring and has two children, Edward and Catharine; Dorothy, who is the widow of Harvey Weifenbaugh and has four children, Florence, Russell A., Ruth and Pearl; Arizona, the wife of Jesse Lescher, by whom she has three children, Ralph, Dorothy and Herbert; and Alexander, who is one of the best known young butchers of Dayton and is also prominent in the Fraternal Order of Eagles. While occupying the position of superintendent of the workhouse Mr. Mack was very unfortunate in losing his wife. She was one of the city's best known and generous women and such was her popularity that her funeral was the largest ever seen in Dayton. Their daughter Dorothy, now Mrs. Weifenbaugh, is now acting as matron of the House of Detention and is proving most capable in that connection.

Mr. Mack belongs to the Old Butchers' Association. He is also connected with the Knights of Pythias, the Druids, the Ancient Workmen and the Harugari lodge. He was twice defeated as the democratic candidate for sheriff, but in the second campaign was the only one on the entire ticket who carried the city. He has an extensive circle of friends and his substantial qualities are indicated in the high regard and good will which are uniformly accorded him.

LEWIS ARTHUR CLEMMER.

Lewis Arthur Clemmer, proprietor of a grocery store at Third and Abby streets, Dayton, Ohio, was born July 22, 1864, in Johnsville, Perry township, of a family which came to this country when the colonies were on the verge of throwing off the yoke of England. His great-grandfather was the first of the family to settle in this county, and his son George L. was born in the old Clemmer homestead, near Johnsville. The family were among the first settlers and theirs was the life of the average pioneer and frontiersman, who is dependent upon himself alone for the means of sustaining life and for the few comforts with which he tried to alleviate the rigors of a hard existence. The Clemmer family, like many another of the time, cleared their own land—the place where the old homestead now stands and where productive fields now yield their crops. In due time George L. Clemmer married Miss Susan Droyer, and of this union was born David Clemmer, the father of the subject of this sketch. David Clemmer sought in the cultivation of the fields his means of livelihood and was successful beyond the average in winning rich harvests from his lands. Twenty years ago, he

gave up the active pursuit of farming, and now lives in Johnsville, enjoying good health, which sixty-nine years have not in the least impaired. His wife was Miss Lucinda Heeter before her marriage and is the mother of his four children—George T., Laura B., Lewis A. and Elizabeth.

Lewis A. Clemmer pursued his studies in the schools of this county and worked on the farm at the same time until his sixteenth year, when he went to Brookville, Ohio, to complete his education. His first business training, however, in which he acquired those principles and methods that have brought him success, was gained when he and his father opened a grocery store, after his sojourn in Brookville. Later he established a store of his own in that town and remained there two years, when he came to Dayton and turned his attention to farming. Three years later, he returned to the city of Dayton and opened up a grocery at the corner of Third and Western streets. For nine years, until three years ago, this was the scene of his business activity, and he left it only to go into his more desirable quarters at Third and Abby.

On April 8, 1886, Mr. Clemmer was married to Miss Flora Anna Oberholser, the daughter of Levi Oberholser, and seven children have been born to the couple: Nieva, Edith and David, who have completed their education; Blanch, Mary and Margaret, who are still school girls; and Lewis A., Jr.

Mr. Clemmer is a most energetic business man, a careful buyer and a good manager and is unremitting in his efforts to give the utmost satisfaction to his patrons, so that his success follows as a matter of course. He retains his interest in affairs of the farm however, through his possession of one hundred and twenty acres of fine arable land in this county, near New Lebanon, on the Eaton pike. At present a tenant has charge of this. He is a member of Brookville Lodge, No. 287, Knights of Pythias, and is active in promoting the interests of the society and the individual welfare of his fraternal brothers. The Reformed church, which the Clemmer family attend, also knows him for a man who lives up to the principles he professes.

HARRIE P. CLEGG.

In the conflicts of life resulting from the conditions of modern civilization, there are men who seem equal to every emergency, whose well formulated plans compass every exigency and whose resolution overcomes every obstacle. Such is Harrie P. Clegg, president of The Dayton & Troy Electric Railway Company and the vice-president and general manager of the Oakwood Street Railway Company. He is also connected with other business enterprises but is perhaps best known in Dayton and Ohio, through his operations in urban transportation.

He was born in Dayton, May 4, 1871, and is the son of Charles B. Clegg, mentioned elsewhere in this volume. At the usual age he entered the public schools, wherein he continued his studies to the age of thirteen, after which he spent six years in school in Cincinnati, Ohio; in Garden City, Long Island; Stevens School, Hoboken; and in Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. He afterward went abroad, giving his time to special courses of study in the University of Ber-

lin, thus completing his college days in 1890. He then returned to Dayton and with the business interests of the city, has since been closely associated. His powers of management and executive control have led him to an important position in the business circles of his native city.

Studying the question of urban and interurban transportation from every possible standpoint, he has sought to give to the public an adequate street car service and at the same time secure a fair and gratifying financial return upon his investment. He is now bending his energies to administrative direction in a way that has greatly promoted the success of the Oakwood Street Railway Company, of which he is vice-president and general manager, and he has done equally efficient work in the presidency of The Dayton & Troy Electric Railway Company. In this age of intense business activity, it is demanded that time and space shall be annihilated by rapid transit and to the problem of meeting this demand Mr. Clegg is bending his energies with results that are satisfactory alike to the public and to the stockholders of the companies with which he is associated. Mr. Clegg was the first president of the Ohio Electric Railway Association, which later became the Central Electric Railway Association, standing today as the leading organization of electric transportation industries of this district. He is also a director of the Penfield-Fairchild Publishing Company of Chicago.

In 1894, Mr. Clegg was married to Miss Lola P. Crume, a daughter of W. E. Crume, and they have four children, namely: Harriet, Charles B. (II), William Ellsworth and Joseph.

Mr. Clegg gives his political allegiance to the republican party, which finds in him a stanch advocate but not an active partisan, and at local elections where no issue is involved he is in sympathy with the spirit of political independence that seeks an honest and businesslike administration of public affairs rather than the advancement of party interests. He is a communicant of Christ Episcopal church and a part of his leisure is devoted to the pleasant associations which come through his membership in the Dayton City, the Country and the Buzfuz Clubs. He has a wide acquaintance in this city, where his entire life has been passed save for the periods devoted to study in preparatory schools and colleges elsewhere, and those who see him in daily associations of business life or in the occasional meetings the club and social life afford, find him at all times a pleasant and agreeable gentleman, cognizant of his own capabilities and powers but at the same time thoroughly appreciative of the substantial and admirable qualities of others.

CHARLES W. BIESER.

Charles W. Bieser, owner of Everybody's Book Shop, situated at 21 and 23 West Fifth street, Dayton, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, July 11, 1867, his parents being Charles and Louise (Fuhrman) Bieser. In both the paternal and maternal lines he comes of German ancestry. His paternal grandfather, who was both a merchant and farmer, died in Germany when more than eighty years of age, and his wife also lived to an advanced age and reared a large family. The maternal

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grandfather was George Fuhrman, a native of Germany, who became a tailor by trade and also followed farming. He died in the land of his birth when a young man, as the result of an accident. He married Miss Wilhelmina Zumstein, who also died in comparatively early life.

Charles Bieser, the father of our subject, was born in the city of Worms, in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. He devoted his life to merchandising and in 1854 sought a home in the new world, locating in Dayton. He afterward removed to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he lived during the period of the war and in 1867 returned to Dayton. Here he resumed merchandising and was for many years a prominent representative of the commercial interests of the city. He died June 20, 1897, at the age of fifty-nine years and is still survived by his widow. Both were members of the Lutheran church. Mrs. Bieser is a native of Rhinepfalz, Germany. By her marriage she became the mother of nine children, five sons and four daughters.

Charles W. Bieser was reared in Dayton and attended the public schools, after which he learned a trade. He was graduated from Professor A. D. Wilt's Commercial College and then became associated with his father in business. Later, however, he served as chief clerk of the probate court for two terms and was elected for two terms as clerk of the court of common pleas and circuit court. His official duties have been discharged with promptness and fidelity, making a record unsurpassed by any predecessor. Mr. Bieser is now engaged in business as a dealer in books, stationery and office furniture and is conducting the largest store of the kind in Montgomery county. He is also vice president of the First Savings & Banking Company and an officer and director in many other business institutions.

Mr. Bieser is also active in political ranks, having been chairman of the county and city republican committees, and is now chairman of the congressional committee, being quite prominently identified with the political interests of this section of the state. He was a delegate to the last national convention at which Mr. Taft was nominated for president and took a prominent part in the hardest contest known in that convention. He also has the distinction held by no other man in the county of having been a delegate to twenty-one state conventions. He is a member of the Mystic Lodge, No. 405, A. F. & A. M.; Unity Chapter, No. 16, R. A. M.; Reese Council, No. 9, R. & S. M.; the Elk lodge and the Harugari, a Liederkranz German singing society. Both he and his wife are connected with the Eastern Star chapter.

It was on the 10th of June, 1896, that Mr. Bieser was united in marriage to Miss Flora S. Gruen, of Columbus, Ohio, a daughter of Dietrick and Amelia Gruen. There were four children of that union, Louise Pauline, Carl William, Irvin Gruen and Horace Francis, but the first named died at the age of eight months. Mrs. Bieser was born in Delaware, Ohio, while her father was a native of the city of Worms, Germany. In their family were five children, Frederick, Mrs. Bieser, George, Francis W. and Charles. About 1868 the father, Dietrick Gruen, came to America and located at Delaware, Ohio, where he engaged in the jewelry business. He afterward made Columbus his home and incorporated the Columbus Watch Company, carrying on business along that line for some years. Afterward he organized the D. Gruen Sons Company, with main offices at Cincinnati and their factory in Bienne, Switzerland. He yet resides in Cincin-

nati and is the president of the Queen City Watch Case Company, the D. Gruen Specialty Company and several other business concerns.

Mr. and Mrs. Bieser and their family are members of the First Lutheran church. They reside at No. 564 West Second street and their home is a most hospitable one, always open for the reception of their friends, who are legion. Mr. Bieser ranks among the prominent business men and successful financiers of the city—a man strong in his honor and his good name and in his ability to plan and to perform.

HARRY GASCHO.

Harry Gascho is the general manager and part owner of the Gascho Dairy Company, which has a fine plant of extensive dimensions on the Smithville road about three miles east of Dayton. Besides the several buildings there are seventy-two acres of excellent pasture land and seventy-five additional acres used for farming. Harry Gascho was born in Dayton, Ohio, May 17, 1878, the son of Henry and Mary (Rost) Gascho. His paternal grandfather, George Gascho, whose wife in her maidenhood was Miss Margaret Reit, came from France and was one of the early settlers of Dayton. The father was a carriage trimmer by trade, but he found time to study law and be admitted to the bar, though this honor came to him but a short time ere his earthly sojourn was done. He died in 1883. Mary (Rost) Gascho is the daughter of Lewis and Barbara (Motter) Rost. Her father came to this country from Germany and is now living retired in Dayton with his wife, enjoying a well earned rest. The couple are among the oldest in the city, for eighty-two and seventy-nine are the number of the years that have been allotted to them, respectively, thus far.

Harry Gascho is the eldest in a family of three children. Nettie, the sister next younger, is married to Fred Zimmerman and is the mother of two children, Robert and Marie. George, the youngest, lives on the dairy farm, of which he is assistant manager. He was married to Miss Laura Karnoth and is blessed with two daughters, Marie and Gertrude.

Harry Gascho received his early education in the schools of Dayton, but in his youth knew work as well as play, for he worked at the dairying business during all his school period. Upon the death of his father he went to make his home with his grandfather, Lewis Rost, who at the ripe old age of seventy-two, in company with his grandson, removed to Dayton and organized the present dairy business. Upon the shoulders of the younger man naturally fell the heavier work of getting the plant in working order and to him is largely due the credit of its present excellence. Like many another business this started very modestly, in a stable. The first additional building erected was a dairy barn, measuring one hundred and ten feet by thirty-six feet with room for fifty cows. A second building, of like size, was soon afterward put up and also a large cold storage milk house. The buildings are all of concrete, very modern in plan, and embody the latest improvements in construction and sanitary conditions. The house is also a fine building, pleasantly situated off the road.

As an active member of the Dairyman's Association, Harry Gascho keeps abreast of the times in his vocation, having filled during a period of six years the position of secretary to this organization. For some years he was secretary of the school board of his township, for the people rightly recognized the fact that a man who could make a success of a difficult business and evinced any public spirit at all would make an excellent public servant, and in this they have not been mistaken. In religious matters his allegiance and support are given to the Lutheran church on Third street, Dayton. Mr. Gascho is an energetic and enterprising young man, and the business he established has by industry and good management been pushed to the fore among others of its kind, so that the success of his early years augurs well for the future, which his friends trust will be filled with good fortune.

FRANK N. AULL.

A native of Bloomington, Illinois, Frank N. Aull was born August 27, 1862, but was only about two years of age when brought by his parents to Dayton. His father, Nicholas L. Aull, continued his residence in this city until 1895 when he went to Lookout Mountain to make his home with a daughter. For many years he was prominently engaged in the hotel business and was very popular with his patrons, enjoying in fullest measure their friendship and warm regard. The name indicates his German nativity, his birth having occurred in Hessen-Cassel, whence he came to the United States when a youth of ten years. He was always most loyal to the interests and institutions of his adopted land and for a considerable period was an active worker in democratic circles in Dayton. He married Miss Julia Gigler, a native of Hagerstown, Maryland, who died January 8, 1891. They became the parents of ten children but lost a son and daughter, Edward and Elizabeth, in infancy. Of the others Louisa is the widow of John Weston, of Dayton; Catherine is the wife of W. F. Heath, of Ottawa, Illinois; Eva is the wife of Colonel H. F. Collins, of this city; William J. is deceased; Emma is the wife of O. L. Hurlbert, of Lookout Mountain, Tennessee; Frank N. is the next of the family John W. is connected with The Aull Brothers Paper & Box Company; and Julia is the wife of T. V. Meyer, of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

At the usual age Frank N. Aull entered the public schools of Dayton, wherein he continued his studies until he reached the age of fourteen. At that time he entered the employ of R. A. Rogers, a paper jobber of Dayton, with whom he continued until 1880, when he embarked in the paper and box business on his own account, beginning operations on a small scale, buying his stock in limited quantities and selling the goods from a wagon. Ten years later he was joined by his brother, W. J. Aull, under the firm style of W. J. Aull & Brother. The partners bent every energy toward the development and expansion of the business, personally soliciting orders and then returning to their establishment to fill them. After a time their original quarters became too small and they secured adjoining space. Upon the erection of the M. J. Gibbons' building at No. 136 East Second street, they took possession of this, it having been designed and erected especially for their use. Five years later they again found their quarters too limited for their

growing trade and began the erection of a building of their own which was ready for occupancy in January, 1895. This is a substantial brick structure five stories in height and fifty by one hundred and twenty-five feet. A side track connects their building directly with the main line of the railroad and their employes number one hundred and fifty who are constantly busy in preparing the output which consists of all kinds of paper boxes and paper bags. Their trade covers the entire country, the business having become one of the most extensive productive industries of Dayton. In March, 1895, the senior member of the firm, W. J. Aull, lost his life in the fatal catastrophe of the steamer, Longfellow, on which he was a passenger, the boat going down with all on board. Following his death the business was reorganized, another brother, J. W. Aull, succeeding the deceased partner while the firm style of The Aull Brothers Paper & Box Company was assumed, at which time F. N. Aull became the president. The business from the beginning has enjoyed a substantial and continuous growth attributable in large measure to the executive force, unfaltering enterprise and laudable ambition of him who is now at the head.

On the 2d of October, 1889, occurred the marriage of Mr. Aull and Miss Mary Ella Wetzer and they now have three children: Edgar C., Marjory and Frances. The parents are members of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church and are prominent in the leading social circles of the city. Mr. Aull belongs to the Dayton City Club, of which he is the second vice president and he also holds membership with the Bicycle and Country Clubs. His political allegiance is given to the republican party and he earnestly desired its success, therefore giving his aid and his influence to secure the adoption of its principles. He is not, however, an aspirant for office, caring to figure in no public life except that of a successful business man. He well deserves mention in this volume as a representative of one of the old families of Dayton, continuously connected with this city since 1840 save for a brief interim. His personal worth alone, however, would entitle him to be numbered with the leading residents of Dayton, as in all particulars he measures up to the full standard of honorable manhood while his energy and ability make him a dynamic force in the business circles of the city.

J. A. GLASER.

J. A. Glaser is one of the younger representatives of farming interests in Wayne township, Montgomery county, where he is now the owner of one hundred and thirty-two acres of rich and valuable land, to the cultivation of which he gives his entire attention. Mr. Glaser was born in Miamisburg, September 3, 1873, a son of J. A. and Catharine (Glaser) Glaser. The former was born in Germany and in early life came to America, settling first at North Platte, Nebraska. He acquired his education in the common schools and for a time worked at day labor but eventually learned the boiler-maker's trade, working at the same until a few years ago, when he retired and is now spending his days in comfort and rest. The mother, however, died when our subject was but six years old.

J. A. Glaser of this review pursued his studies in the schools at Bath until he was a youth of seventeen years. He then started out to face the stern responsibilities of life by working at farm labor, in which he was engaged for six years. He then went to Dayton, where for eight years he was employed in the Canby wholesale house. In the meantime he had carefully saved his earnings and purchased the farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres on which he now resides. This property is located in Wayne township and is one of the best improved in this section of Montgomery county. Besides raising various grains, Mr. Glaser also gives much of his time to raising hogs, in which he is quite successful.

Mr. Glaser established a home of his own by his marriage to Miss Anna Rashford, a daughter of James and Anna Rashford. The latter is now deceased and the former makes his home in Dayton, where he is employed at day labor. Mrs. Glaser was born, reared and educated in Dayton and by her marriage has become the mother of an interesting little daughter, Rose Marie, now seven years old and a student in the Fairview district school. Mr. Glaser is a member of the Catholic Foresters of Ohio, in which he has filled office. Starting out in the business world at the age of seventeen years, Mr. Glaser showed himself ready to meet any obligation of life with the confidence and courage that come of conscious personal ability, and this has been one of his chief characteristics through his entire business career, and thus success for him has been assured.

HERMAN RIESAU.

Herman Riesau, a well known and successful agriculturist of Butler township, is the owner of a fine farm of sixty-four acres. His birth occurred in Hanover, Germany, on the 17th of March, 1849, his parents being Henry and Regina (Brolmen) Riesau, who spent their entire lives in the fatherland. Henry Riesau was the owner of a farm and also conducted a milling business. He was about sixty years of age at the time of his death, while the demise of his wife occurred a few years ago. Their family numbered seven children, namely: Herman, of this review; Eliza, who is deceased; Henry; Frank, who took up his abode in the state of Washington after coming to this country; Regina; William; and Dietrich.

Herman Riesau obtained his education in the schools of his native land and was a young man of eighteen years when he set sail for the new world, being anxious to avail himself of the advantages and opportunities which he had heard might be enjoyed in America. After landing in this country he made his way to Springfield, Ohio, where he remained for two years, on the expiration of which period he came to Montgomery county and turned his attention to farming. Subsequently he was engaged in the jewelry business at Cincinnati for a time but returned to his farm in Butler township, this county, and has since devoted his time and energies to general agricultural pursuits with gratifying success. His property comprises sixty-four acres of rich and arable land and the well tilled fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them.

In December, 1875, Mr. Riesau was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Eickhoff, who was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, in the fall of 1849, her parents being Henry and Dorothy (Huffman) Eichkoff, the former an agriculturist of Harrison township, Montgomery county. Both Mr. and Mrs. Eichkoff are now deceased and lie buried at Beardsheer Chapel in Harrison township. They reared a family of nine children. Mr. and Mrs. Riesau are the parents of three children. Orion, who was born in 1876, follows farming in Butler township. He married Miss Ada Davidson and has one child, Isabelle. Alpha, whose birth occurred in 1878, likewise makes her home in Butler township and is the wife of Frank Johnson, by whom she has two children, Mildred and Rolland. Clifford, born in 1888, is at home and assists in the operation of his father's farm.

In his political views Mr. Riesau is a democrat and has served as school director of Butler township, the cause of education ever finding in him a stalwart champion. Both he and his wife are consistent and faithful members of the Lutheran church at Vandalia, the teachings of which they exemplify in their daily lives. The hope that led him to leave his native land and seek a home in America has been more than realized. He found the opportunities he sought and through their wise utilization has gained a degree of prosperity that entitles him to recognition among the substantial, enterprising and representative residents of his community.

CHARLES JACOB BENNER.

Charles Jacob Benner, a well-to-do farmer of Miami township and the owner of one hundred and seventeen acres of fine land near Miamisburg, was born on this farm, December 10, 1857, it being the old home place. He is the son of Philip and Amelia (Heinecke) Benner, who were farmers in this county. The family originally came from Maryland, and the paternal grandfather, Jacob Benner, was its first member to settle here. He was accompanied by his father, who was one of the oldest men in the county at that time. Jacob Benner wedded Miss Mary Gebhart and their son Philip spent his entire life on the old homestead, becoming a very prominent farmer. He died here August 13, 1866, and his wife passed away March 31, 1902. In their family were three sons: Henry, a resident of Miami township; Charles Jacob, of this review; and Edward, a resident of Green county.

Charles Jacob Benner has received all his education in the schools of this county and is accounted one of the self-made men of this locality, for he has always been dependent upon his own efforts since the age of nine, when he was deprived of a father's advice and guidance. To farming he has devoted all of his years, giving particular attention to the raising of tobacco. This latter branch of his work has proved very profitable and to his liking, and he is one of the largest tobacco growers in Montgomery county. On the 29th of November, 1892, in West Carrollton, Mr. Benner was united in marriage to Miss Rosa Meienberg, a daughter of Arnold and Fredericka (Buehner) Meienberg. Her father, a saddler by trade, is still living, but her mother passed away on the 21st of June, 1899. In their family were four children, namely: Clara, the wife of John J.

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Farrell of Miamisburg; Rosa, the wife of our subject; Albert, also a resident of Miamisburg; and Minnie, the wife of David Crickbaum, of Covington, Ohio. Six children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Benner: Arnold P., who is at home and assists on the farm; Lawrence J.; Paul M.; June R.; Pauline L.; and Burnett Benjamin, born September 15, 1909. The family are all members of the Lutheran church and by the uprightness of their lives bear witness to the wisdom of its teachings.

Besides his church interests Mr. Benner has fraternal relations with two organizations, for he is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men and belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America. In the work of both societies he is active and is one of those who is ever ready to assist either when it is a case of helping a fellow member or advancing the interests of the lodge. Dependent upon himself from such an early age, one might be inclined to marvel at the success which has attended his efforts and the powers Mr. Benner has exhibited did they not know his diligence, his capacity for hard work and the good management which has ever distinguished him. These characteristics have not only achieved success for him in his line of work but have also won for him the respect of his fellow citizens.

JAMES C. MARTIN.

Prominent among the enterprising, progressive and successful merchants of Dayton is James C. Martin, who is engaged in the sale of pianos. He has conducted business here for a quarter of a century and, representing some of the best manufacturing houses in this line, he has secured a liberal patronage which is also indicative of his close conformity to a high standard of commercial ethics in all business transactions. He was born on a farm in Madison county, Ohio, in 1849 and was there reared amid rural surroundings, his time being divided between the tasks assigned him in the district schools, the pleasures of the playground and the work of the home farm, as he was trained to the labors of the fields under the direction of his father. At the age of eighteen he began teaching school and afterward entered Holbrook's Normal school, where he spent five months each year for four years. In 1871 he went to Little Rock, Arkansas, and continued reading law which he had begun in 1870. He was admitted to the bar by the examination in Little Rock in 1872, and the same year was there appointed clerk of the criminal court, in which capacity he served until 1874, also acting as chief clerk in the office of the attorney general of the state. The dual service brought him wide and varied experience concerning the practice of law and on the 27th of June, 1874, he returned to Ohio and was admitted to practice before the courts of the state on the 22d of September following. In the fall of the same year he was a candidate for prosecuting attorney of Madison county, Ohio, but was defeated. He then removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he engaged in teaching school and in 1876 became connected with the schools of Liverpool, Ohio.

During that year on the 27th of December, 1876, Mr. Martin was united in marriage in Champaign county, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth Athens Pence. He remained to finish his term of school in Liverpool and then went to Lafayette, Madi-

son county, Ohio, where his father had a general store. He taught three months in Lafayette in the summer of 1877, after which he returned to Liverpool, to take charge of the school for an eight-months term. In 1878, again in 1879 and in 1880-1 he taught in Liverpool, after which he withdrew from educational circles to become interested in commercial lines. He accepted a position as salesman in a piano house in Cleveland, Ohio, where he remained until 1883, when he came to Dayton and at once opened a store for the sale of pianos and musical instruments. The first day he sold two pianos and has since enjoyed substantial success resulting from his constantly increasing patronage.

Unto Mr. and Mrs. Martin have been born three children, who are yet living: Rodney Webster; Gretchen Elaine, the wife of H. S. McMullen, of Dayton; and Mildred Mary. The parents hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal church and are highly esteemed socially. Mr. Martin gives his political support to the republican party and at different times has been active as an office holder. In April, 1878, he was elected justice of the peace for Deer Creek township in Madison county, where he served for three years. A year later, having removed to Pike township in the same county, he was there elected justice of the peace and again served for three years, during which time he was also township assessor and for two years was road supervisor of the township. He now prefers to concentrate his energies upon his commercial interests and has become recognized as one of the leading piano merchants of Dayton, building up a business of large and gratifying proportions.

WILLIAM BENTON WEAVER.

William Benton Weaver is an enterprising and progressive young farmer, managing his father's interests on the homestead property of sixty-five acres, situated in Miami township on the Germantown road, a mile west of Miamisburg. His birth occurred on this farm, January 28, 1889, and he is the second in order of birth in a family of four children born to Noah and Nattie Weaver. The former was born and reared in Montgomery county and for many years was actively engaged in farming, becoming one of the prominent and well known citizens of this section of the state. He is now living retired, enjoying in well earned ease the fruits of his former toil. The other children of the family are: Ella, who is now deceased; N. Ellwood, who was married August 18, 1909, in West Carrollton, to Edna, daughter of Henry Eicher of that place; and Anna, who died March 17, 1909.

William B. Weaver, the eldest son of the family, acquired his education in district school No. 9 and gained his knowledge of farming under the able direction of his father on the home place. He now manages and operates the home farm, consisting of sixty-five acres in Miami township, and is known as a hard worker and a man of progressive methods. In addition to his farming interests he also raises some stock, which he ships to the city markets, and he likewise handles lumber, each branch of his business bringing him a good income.

Mr. Weaver gives his political support to the democratic party and is identified with the Lutheran church, to which the other members of the family also

belong. His fraternal relations are with Ben Hur Lodge, No. 7, at Dayton. Fond of travel, as a means of higher education, Mr. Weaver in the spring of 1909 made a trip to Mexico and is planning an extensive trip for the near future. He believes in constant progression and puts forth strenuous efforts that today may find him farther advanced than yesterday in a social and financial position. He is popular among the young people of this section, being a worthy representative of the Weaver family who has long been known in agricultural circles.

HORACE GREELEY PFOUTZ.

An excellent farm of eighty acres situated on the township road about three miles west of Trotwood, in Madison township, is the property of Horace Greeley Pfoutz, and he derives therefrom a substantial annual income. His entire life has been given to general agricultural pursuits and everything about his place indicates the spirit of enterprise and progress which has actuated him in all of his work. He was born in this county, July 23, 1851, and is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Wogomar) Pfoutz. The former was a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Rinehart) Pfoutz. The grandfather of our subject came from Carroll county, Maryland, and travelling westward by wagon, became one of the first settlers of Montgomery county, Ohio. He took up a tract of land from the government and with characteristic energy began the development of a farm which in the course of years was brought under a high state of cultivation. He assisted materially in the early development of his part of the county, particularly in promoting the agricultural progress. His son, Samuel Pfoutz, the father of our subject, also made farming his life work and for a number of years resided upon the place which is now the home of his son Horace. He worked diligently and persistently until he had acquired a handsome competence which now enables him to live retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest. Unto him and his wife were born five children: Cynthia; Horace G.; Mary; Laura R., deceased; and Amy.

Reared in the usual manner of farm lads, Horace Greeley Pfoutz pursued his education in the district schools, mastering all the branches of learning therein taught. Under his father's direction he received ample training in the work of the fields, learning the best methods of plowing, planting and harvesting. He soon learned to know when it was best to put in crops and how to care for them until they were brought to fruition. As the years have gone by his business affairs have been capably manager and he is now the owner of an excellent tract of land of eighty acres, which he has brought under a high state of improvement. His farm is equipped with all modern conveniences and in addition to cultivating the cereals best adapted to soil and climate he also raises some stock. The dwelling, which is just off the road, is a large two-story brick structure, tastefully and comfortably furnished. In the rear are good barns and outbuildings and everything about the place indicates the enterprise of the owner.

On the 2d of January, 1881, Mr. Pfoutz was married to Miss Katie Ullery, a daughter of Stephen and Catherine (Mumma) Ullery. Their children are three in number. Etta E., the eldest, became the wife of Charles Shank, a farmer.

Guy E. was a student in the Trotwood high school at the time of his death, which occurred when he was twenty years of age. Glenn Greeley is now a student in the high school and makes his home with his father on the farm. The wife and mother passed away in January, 1907, and her remains were laid to rest in Pleasant Hill cemetery. She was a member of the Brethren church and an earnest consistent Christian, whose many good traits won her the love and esteem of those with whom she was brought in contact. Mr. Pfoutz also belongs to the United Brethren church and his children are likewise connected therewith. The family has always been a most highly respected one, the name of Pfoutz standing for good citizenship and progress in all lines of life since the grandfather came to the county in pioneer times.

CHARLES INSCO WILLIAMS.

Charles Insco Williams, one of Dayton's skilled and successful architects, is a native of Cincinnati, his birth having there occurred in 1853. He remained a resident of that city until he reached the age of sixteen years, when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Dayton. He had previously attended the public schools and in 1870 he was graduated from the Chickering Institute of Cincinnati, after which he received technical training in the Troy Polytechnic School of New York. From early youth he had manifested a strongly developed taste in scientific lines and his reading and education had qualified him for responsible undertakings of that character. In 1873 he was employed in civil engineering along the line of the Northern Pacific railroad, after which he returned to Dayton and for seven years maintained an artist's studio.

On the expiration of that period he entered the employ of the John Rouzer Company, lumber dealers of Dayton, with whom he continued for two years, when in 1882 he opened an office as an architect and has since continuously followed the profession in which he has made steady advance, being now recognized as one of the most prominent representatives of this calling not only in Dayton but in the state. His standing in the profession is indicated by the fact that he was the architect of the Stivers Manual Training High School of East Fifth street, the Algonquin Hotel, the Reibold Building, the Sacred Heart church, the Insco apartment house, the Bellevue apartment house, the old Young Men's Christian Association building on Fourth street, the Trinity Reformed church, on Jefferson street, the Dayton City Club and the Callahan Bank building, all of Dayton, and was also the architect of two school houses in Riverdale, a school building in North Dayton and the Methodist Episcopal church in North Dayton. Many of these structures are ornaments to the city, indicating as well the superiority which Mr. Williams manifests in his profession.

In 1879 Mr. Williams was united in marriage in Dayton to Miss Susan Dorothy Boyer, a daughter of D. K. Boyer, and they have four sons, Howard Insco, Louis Boyer, Dick K. and Roger. Mr. Williams exercises his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of the republican party, manifesting intelligent appreciation of its sterling principles and the policy pursued in the management

of government affairs. He is an exemplary representative of Masonry and holds membership in the Commandery, the Consistory and the Mystic Shrine. He also belongs to the Dayton City Club, to the Christ Episcopal church and his interests thus touch many vital affairs in the life of the city and the individual. An artistic temperament makes him keenly appreciative of the beautiful and moreover his influence is always on the side of right, truth and progress.

CHARLES RENCH.

Charles Rench, a veteran of the Civil war, who throughout his entire business career has been connected with the Third National Bank of Dayton, of which he is now the vice president and cashier, is recognized as a man whose history is the story of orderly progression under the steady hand of one who is a consistent master of himself and who displays mature judgment, not only of his own capacities but also of the people and circumstances that make up his life's contacts and experiences.

Born in Dayton, in 1844, he is a son of John and Mary (Croft) Rench, who were natives of Pennsylvania and Maryland respectively. The interests of his youth were those which usually claim the time and attention of the city bred boy. He was educated in the public schools, mastering the work of consecutive grades until he was graduated from the high school with the class of 1861. The following year, on the 1st of August, 1862, when he was a youth of but eighteen, he offered his services to the government, constrained by a spirit of patriotism, becoming a private of Company B, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He served for three years, after which he was mustered out at Nashville, Tennessee, in June, 1865, receiving his honorable discharge a little later at Camp Denison, Ohio. He was orderly sergeant when he left the service and for a time had command of his company. While but a boy in years he displayed valor and loyalty equal to that of many a veteran twice his age. He was in all of the engagements from Chattanooga to Atlanta, also in the battle of Nashville and in others of lesser importance, but never did he falter in the performance of duty, whether on the firing line or the picket line.

When the country no longer needed his military aid, Mr. Rench returned to Dayton and engaged in clerking for a time, but soon entered the Second National Bank and continued with its successor, The Third National Bank, when it was reorganized in 1882. His initial position was a comparatively humble one but gradually he has worked his way upward as he has mastered the principles and details of banking until 1890 he was made cashier, while in January, 1909, he was chosen vice president and now occupies the dual position. The bank follows a progressive policy which, however, is tempered by a safe conservatism and in its continued success Mr. Rench has been an active factor.

In June, 1866, Mr. Rench married Miss Fannie B. Long, of Dayton, who died in January, 1867, and he was again married in November, 1869, his second union being with Miss Mary F. Gilliland, who departed this life in 1907. In his family are seven children, namely: Glena, who married C. E. Ainsworth, of Dayton, and

has one child; Alice, who married Edward Wuichet, also of this city, and has one child; Mary, who is the wife of W. P. Galloway, living on a plantation in Louisiana, and they have three children; Jeannette, at home; Lewis L., who is in the collection department of the Third National Bank; Robert, who is with the Ohio Automobile Company; and John C., who is attending the high school of Dayton.

Fraternally Mr. Rench is connected with both the subordinate lodge and encampment of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a past officer in both and for twenty years was the efficient and valued secretary of Wayne Lodge No. 10. He is also a member of Old Guard Post, No. 23, G. A. R. His political endorsement is given to the republican party but he is not an active worker in its ranks. However, he served for two years as city treasurer of Dayton, filling the office in 1870 and 1871. While his financial interests make heavy demands upon his time he is not remiss in the duties of citizenship, his influence and support being given to various movements which are essential elements in the city's growth.

JACOB B. GEBHART.

Jacob B. Gebhart, a leading farmer of Miami township, Montgomery county, owns one hundred and twenty-two acres of fine land on the Centerville road about two miles from Miamisburg. He is one of the oldest agriculturists of this county and comes from a family who have for generations been identified with agricultural interests. His father, Peter Gebhart, was also born here and was one of its best known men. He was a farmer all his life, but was also a man of affairs, taking an active part in the local matters of government. He was very prominent in the councils of the democratic party. He married Miss Margaret Brosius, who bore to him nine children: George; Jacob B.; Amos; Wilson, deceased; Elmore; Perry; Elizabeth; Sarah and Lucinda.

Jacob B. Gebhart was born in Montgomery county and attended the common schools here. As was natural he soon commenced farming, even before the close of his school period, and when he attained to man's estate he engaged in that line of work for himself. His industry and his knowledge of the principles of soil culture have united to reward his efforts with more than the average amount of success and to give him a comfortable income.

When Mr. Gebhart looked forward to establishing a home of his own he chose as the woman to be his helpmeet Miss Louisa Heinecke, the daughter of Henry and Catherine (Hertel) Heinecke. Her father had come from Germany to this county, where he became one of its well known farmers. Seven children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Gebhart, of whom six are still living: William Henry, Charles L., Albert T., Minnie R., Elmer, Anna A., deceased, and Edmund H. Charles L. is the virtual head of the family and upon him devolves the responsibility of the farm.

In both church work and local affairs Mr. Gebhart takes an active and efficient interest. He belongs to the Lutheran church, being one of its oldest members, but his participation in the work of the church is not so active as a few years back, though he is still devoted to its welfare and is regular in his attendance at its ser-

vices. In local affairs, he has on many occasions served the people as judge of the elections and always with discrimination and justness, and in other matters and on other occasions has given evidence of his concern for the welfare of the community in which he lives and of the good judgment that is characteristic of him. Aside from this he is a man who finds his greatest delight and recreation in the bosom of his family; and although he is a sociable neighbor, he could never be persuaded to join one of the fraternal organizations that aim to promote good feelings and kindly intercourse among the people in whose midst they are located. But after all is said Mr. Gebhart remains a man who is respected and honored for the sterling qualities of character he exhibits, for his industry and his integrity.

W. S. ARTZ.

The stock interests of Montgomery county have indeed found a worthy representative in W. S. Artz, who is well known throughout the entire county as a raiser of and dealer in fine stock. Moreover, he is engaged in general agricultural pursuits, owning and operating an excellent farm in Wayne township, Montgomery county. His birth here occurred July 2, 1860, and he is a son of Henry and Susan (Crow) Artz, natives of Maryland and Virginia respectively. The father, born in 1822, near Fredericksburg, in Washington county, Maryland, was but nine years of age when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, the family home being established near Fairfield, and at the age of fifteen years he took up his residence upon the farm which has since continued to be his home. He attended the district schools and in early life engaged in teaching for two or three years. Subsequently he took up the occupation of farming and was thus connected until his retirement from active business life. He now makes his home at the venerable age of eighty-seven years, upon the old farm, but he leaves the active management of the place to his son, P. W. His wife, whose birth occurred in 1827, came to Ohio when but two years of age. She was married to Mr. Artz in Miami county in 1847 and was called to her final rest in 1892, her remains being interred in the cemetery at New Carlisle. She was sixty-five years of age at the time of her demise and was a conscientious Christian, holding membership in the Osborn Methodist church, of which Mr. Artz is also a member and in the work of which he takes an active and helpful interest.

W. S. Artz, whose name introduces this review, acquired his early education in the common schools and later supplemented this training by a course of study at the National Normal School at Lebanon, Ohio. Thus well equipped for the practical and responsible duties of life, he began his business career as a farmer and has since directed his efforts along agricultural and stock-raising lines. He carries on general farming, owning an excellent farm of one hundred and fifty acres in Wayne township, which is one of the well improved and productive properties of the community. A large portion of his time and attention, however, is devoted to his stock-raising interests, being recognized as one of the most prominent and successful stockmen of the county. He makes a specialty of fine horses and sheep, having on hand eighty head of full blooded Hampshire Down sheep,

while he raises heavy draft horses of the Clyde, French and Belgian varieties, as well as horses for general use. He has exhibited his stock at various fairs and has been awarded several prizes. He also has a good breed of dairy cows and made the first shipment of cattle from Dublin, Indiana, to Germantown over the traction line. He resided in Indiana, near Cambridge City, for about six years, and during that period engaged in farming and stock dealing. He returned to his present farm on the 1st of September, 1906, and prior to his removal to Indiana and while there sold a large number of pure bred hogs. His stock interests have become very extensive and constitute him one of the prosperous and substantial business men of Montgomery county.

On the 22d of January, 1885, Mr. Artz was united in marriage to Miss Minnie B. Leffel, a daughter of Peter and Jane (Brandburg) Leffel, who was born June 4, 1864. Her father, who followed the occupation of general farming, was born near Donnelsville, in Clark county, and her mother was also a native of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Artz became the parents of nine children. Harry, the eldest, was born January 12, 1886, and March, 1907, married Ulmer Ward, of Indiana. Blanch, born January 14, 1888, is now the wife of Carl Curtis, of Fayette county, Indiana, who is a general farmer and stock-raiser. They have one child, Grace Elizabeth, born in August, 1908. The remaining members of the family all reside at home and the older ones attend the common schools. They are: Paul, born August 10, 1890; Floy, born August 20, 1892; Martha, born January 19, 1895; Robert, born February 23, 1897; Ralph, born June 2, 1899; Mary, born May 17, 1902; and Helen, born January 4, 1905.

Mr. Artz and his family are members of the United Brethren church of Sulphur Grove, in which he is serving as one of the stewards and also as assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. He is well known in the county of his nativity for his honorable and upright manhood, his social qualities and his public-spirited citizenship, enjoying the respect, confidence and good will of his fellowmen. He has gained a place of prominence among stock raisers and dealers of Montgomery and adjoining counties, by whom his opinions are largely regarded as authority. His labors have been potent elements in advancing the grade of stock in this locality and public opinion accords him a foremost place among the representatives of live-stock interests of Ohio.

ROBERT E. KLINE.

With thorough knowledge of the scientific principles and the practical phases of civil engineering Robert E. Kline, in the practice of his profession, has secured a gratifying and growing patronage. He was born in Miamisburg, Montgomery county, Ohio, February 17, 1868, and in his infancy was taken by his parents to Salem, in this county.

His father, Jonathan Kline, was long a prominent business man of Montgomery county and at all times enjoyed the respect and good will of his fellow citizens. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, and at the age of eighteen years came to Dayton, where he learned the tinner's trade. Sometime later he removed

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to Miamisburg and at the time of the outbreak of the Civil war, being then twenty-one years of age, he enlisted in the Second Ohio Infantry as a member of Company B. He remained with his regiment until it was mustered out and subsequently joined the boys in blue of Company K, One Hundred Eighty-fourth Ohio Infantry, with which he continued until the end of the conflict, proving his loyalty and valor on a number of hotly contested battle fields.

Soon after his return from the war Jonathan Kline was married on the 30th of October, 1865, to Mrs. Massey Stanfield, of Spring Valley, Ohio, and almost immediately after they removed to Salem, where Mr. Kline conducted a tin and roofing business. In 1888, however, he returned to Dayton and afterward carried on his store, at the corner of Fifth and Clinton streets, until about two weeks prior to his demise, when he became ill with pneumonia, passing away on the 11th of December, 1908. He was honored as a man of genuine personal worth. Honesty and reliability were two of his salient attributes and his leading characteristics were all of a nature that won for him the respect of his fellowmen. He had pronounced religious tendencies and was an influential member of the High Street United Brethren church. He also belonged to Old Guard Post, G. A. R., and was ever deeply interested in the social and business affairs of the order. Unto him and his estimable wife, who survives him, there were born four sons: Charles H., Robert E. and Hubert, all of Dayton; and Dr. Walter Kline, of Guadalajara, Mexico.

Robert E. Kline spent his youth in Salem and was graduated on the completion of a high-school course there. He then continued his studies in Otterbein University, at Westerville, Ohio, where he was graduated with the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1892. He next entered Harvard, where he pursued a scientific course, being numbered among the alumni of that classic old institution of 1893, at which time the degree of Civil Engineer was conferred upon him. Having thus qualified for a professional career, Mr. Kline came to Dayton, where he opened an office and entered upon active practice. He served as county engineer and county surveyor of Montgomery county for two terms of three years each—from 1895 until 1901—and was chosen city civil engineer of Dayton for the term of 1906-07. He now enjoys a liberal private practice, having done considerable important work in the line of his profession. He was one of the contractors who erected the Third street concrete-steel bridge over the Miami river and is now one of the contractors engaged in the construction of the Dayton View concrete-steel bridge over the Miami river. He thoroughly understands the great scientific principles underlying his work and is conversant as well with all of the practical phases of the business.

On the 5th of June, 1895, in Dayton, Mr. Kline was married to Miss Agnes L. Lyon, and they have two sons, Robert E. and Donald C. Their home at No. 545 Superior avenue is one of the handsomest residences of Dayton View.

Mr. Kline belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and also holds membership with the Foresters, the Modern Woodmen and the Junior Order of American Mechanics. He likewise belongs to the Dayton City Club, the Bicycle Club and until January, 1909, was president of the Garfield Club, serving for two years. He is a member of the First United Brethren church and in his political views is a republican, having supported the candidates of the party since age

conferred upon him the right of franchise. While he never seeks office outside the path of his profession, he is never remiss in the duties of citizenship and has cooperated in many movements for the public good. His advancement in his profession has come as the logical sequence of his ability, which is being continually augmented through his research, study and experience.

ALFRED L. KLEPINGER.

Alfred L. Klepinger is well known as a representative of the educational interests of Montgomery county, being principal of the school district No. 12 in Harrison township. He also has farming interests, although his professional duties are claiming the greater part of his time and attention. He was born on the 19th of January, 1862, on the old Benjamin Miller farm about a mile west of Dayton, this being one of the earlier settled tracts of land in the county. Like many of the pioneers of the state, the Klepingers came first from Pennsylvania, the grandfather, George Klepinger, removing from the east that he might enjoy the better business opportunities offered in this new and growing western country. He therefore cast in his lot with the early settlers who were reclaiming this region for the purpose of civilization, and while he met with difficulties and hardships incident to pioneer life, he resolutely bore his part in the work of general improvement.

Henry Klepinger, the father of our subject, was born in this county in 1832 and was long numbered among the widely known and valued citizens of this part of the state. For many years, he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits, but retired in 1906 in the enjoyment of well earned rest, for his activity and careful management in former years brought to him a comfortable competence. He died May 25, 1909. He wedded Elizabeth Miller and they became the parents of nine children: David W.; George, deceased; Alfred L.; Ellsworth; Charles; Mary, also deceased; Llewellyn G., practicing medicine; Edwin; and Howard.

Alfred L. Klepinger was reared in the usual manner of farm lads, living the free, open life of field and meadow and learning his lessons from nature as well as from books. He has always made his home in this county and at the usual age, he entered the public schools, pursuing his studies in District No. 1. He displayed special aptitude in his work and when he had mastered the branches of learning therein taught, he took a course in the Miami Commercial College, from which he was graduated. He also spent one year in the Northern Indiana Normal College at Valparaiso and a similar period in the Normal College at Ada, Ohio. He has largely supplemented his learning, however, by reading and study at home and his research and investigation have covered a wide and varied field, so that few subjects can be mentioned upon which he cannot speak intelligently and instructively. After completing his own education, he took up the work of teaching and has since followed the profession, winning for himself a creditable position among the representatives of this line of work. He is able to impart clearly and readily to others the knowledge that he has acquired and mani-

fests much zeal and devotion in the daily performance of the tasks of the schoolroom. He is also the owner of a small farm of eleven acres in Madison township, which he devotes to the cultivation of fruit, the soil being well adapted for that purpose. His products are marketed in Dayton and he is meeting with creditable and gratifying success in that department of his business.

On the 22d of September, 1895, Mr. Klepinger was married to Miss Mary Olive Miller, a daughter of Aaron and Lovina (Helman) Miller, who removed from Darke county, Ohio to Montgomery county and became prominent farming people of this locality, where they were well known. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Klepinger, were born five children but they lost their eldest child, Emerson. The others are Wilber E., Glenn L., Parker D. and Florence L.

Mr. and Mrs. Klepinger belong to the church of the Brethren and he is now the minister of the Fort McKinley church. His home is on the Salem pike, near Fort McKinley and he is now comfortably situated there. His influence is always upon the side of the true, the good and the beautiful, and both in his school work and from the pulpit he impresses those who come under his teaching with the value of character.

HARRY ELDRIDGE MEAD.

Harry Eldridge Mead, of Dayton, comes of ancestry that has been distinctively American in both the lineal and collateral lines through many generations, the family having been established in New England during the earliest epoch in the colonization of the new world. The Meads were of the gentry of England and William Mead, a direct ancestor of Harry E. Mead, was born in Kent county, England, about 1600. He became the founder of the family in the new world. The next in the line of direct descent was John Mead, born in 1635, followed by Jonathan Mead, whose birth occurred in Connecticut in 1665. His son, Timothy Mead, who was born at Greenwich, Connecticut, April 22, 1701, served as a soldier in the Colonial wars and died in Dutchess county, New York, in the latter part of the eighteenth century. He was the father of Timothy Mead II, whose birth occurred in Dutchess county, New York, January 7, 1724, while his last days were passed in Manchester, Vermont. Truman Mead, his son and the great-grandfather of Harry E. Mead, was born in Manchester, Vermont, July 29, 1760, and died June 21, 1822, in Cooperstown, New York. Azel Mead, the grandfather, was born in Cooperstown, August 12, 1781, and spent his last days in Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he passed away September 21, 1866.

Daniel Eldridge Mead, the father, started upon life's journey near Cooperstown, New York, in 1817, and in 1841 became a resident of Dayton, where he remained for a half century or until his death in 1891. During the period of his residence here he was closely associated with the business development and progress of the city. In 1846 he was connected with others in organizing the firm of Ells, Clifflin & Company for the manufacture of paper, the business being conducted under the original style until 1856 when the name was changed to Weston & Mead. Three years later, in 1859, it became Mead & Weston and later changes

in the partnership led to the adoption of the firm style of Mead & Nixon, in 1866, while a further reorganization of the business in 1881 led to the use of the name of the Mead Paper Company, under which style the business was continued until 1906 when it became the Mead Pulp & Paper Company. Thus for more than a half century the enterprise of which Azel Mead was one of the founders has remained an important factor in the industrial life of the city. It was also in 1846 that Mr. Mead was married in Dayton to Miss Maria H. Demarest, a daughter of Isaac Demarest, the pioneer wholesale grocer of this city. They became parents of three children: Florence, who died in 1892; Charles Durkee; and Harry E. The wife and mother passed away in September, 1853, and in 1870 Mr. Mead was again married in Dayton, his second union being with Ella I. Demarest, a sister of his first wife. They became parents of two sons: D. Eldridge, who died in 1907; and Joseph Weston, who passed away in 1900.

It will thus be seen that with the progress of the sun the Mead family have made their way westward, passing from New England to New York, Pennsylvania and to Ohio and in Dayton Harry E. Mead was born March 26, 1853. The public schools afforded him his educational privileges until he was given the opportunity of attending Phillips Academy at Andover, Massachusetts, where he remained for a year and a half. He then returned to Dayton and spent six months in the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio. Subsequently he entered Hobart College at Geneva, New York, where he continued his studies for two years and on again coming to Dayton he entered the office of the Cooper Insurance Company, thus becoming his father's assistant in business. He spent three years and a half there and during the succeeding fifteen years was the head of the firm of H. E. Mead & Company, wholesale dealers in paper. In 1891 he returned to the Mead Paper Company, manufacturers, as vice-president and so continued until 1906 when the business was reorganized under the name of the Mead Paper Company, of which George H. Mead, a son of H. E. Mead, is now vice-president and general manager. In 1881 Mr. Mead of this review organized the Chicago Paper Company of Chicago, jobbers in paper and was president for ten years. He has long figured as one of the foremost representatives of the paper trade in this part of the country and his excellent powers of organization, his executive ability and administrative direction have been important features in the successful control of a number of the leading industrial and commercial concerns of the city.

Dayton moreover has profited by his labors in other directions for he served as vice-president of the Dayton Board of Trade and is now a member of the Oakwood board of education. Neither has he been unknown in military circles for in 1872 he joined the Dayton Zouaves, later known as the Irish Guard and rose to the rank of second lieutenant and later served as first lieutenant and captain, continuing in command of the company until 1883, when he resigned. In 1886, he was made colonel on the staff of Governor Joseph B. Foraker and held that rank for two years. On the reorganization of the Ohio National Guard in 1899 he was elected colonel of the Third Infantry and commanded the regiment for five years, at the end of which time he declined a reelection.

On the 30th of November, 1876, Mr. Mead was married in Dayton to Miss Mary Anna Houk, a daughter of the Hon. George W. Houk, now deceased. Unto this marriage there were born four children, of whom three died in childhood, the

surviving son being George H. Mead, who was born November 5, 1877, and is now vice-president of the Mead Paper Company. Mr. Mead belongs to the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and also to the Dayton City Club, the Buzfuz Club, the Country Club and the Episcopal church. He is a man of soldierly bearing, strong and purposeful, accomplishing what he undertakes by reason of the fact that he has always recognized that when one avenue seemed closed there is always opportunity for the accomplishment of the same purpose in other ways. Moreover he has never regarded any position as final but rather as a starting point to larger accomplishment. He stands among the most honored and respected residents of Dayton not alone because of the success he has achieved but also owing to the straightforward business policy he has ever followed.

CHARLES EDGAR ULLERY.

It seems hardly possible that a century ago Montgomery county had but few white settlers and that Indians were frequent visitors to the district, while at various points among the forests of the state were found wigwams of the redmen who had ample opportunity to indulge in hunting and fishing, relieving them of the necessity for more difficult labor in order to secure a livelihood. The forests today have all disappeared and the land has been converted into productive fields, rich with the autumn harvests that are indicative of the fertility of the soil. Charles Edward Ullery is numbered among those who are successfully carrying on general farming in Madison township. He owns a tract of fifty-five acres on the Stringtown & Air Hill road about two miles north of the village of Trotwood. His birth occurred on the old Yount farm in this county on the 28th of November, 1855. He is the eighth in order of birth in a family of nine children whose parents were Moses and Mary (Christina) Ullery. The father was born near Little York in this county and as the years passed by became one of the men of affluence in this part of the state. His diligence and enterprise brought to him gratifying success so that in the course of years he became the possessor of a capital sufficient to enable him to live retired as he is doing at the present time. He makes his home in Trotwood and has reached the advanced age of eighty-three years. His father came to this county from Pennsylvania and was a very prominent and influential farmer in the early days. In the family of Moses and Mary Ullery there were the following children: Amanda; Jane; Marion; Warren; Ellen; Laura; William; Charles Edgar; and Emma, deceased.

Charles Edgar Ullery has always lived in Madison township and his educational advantages were those offered by the district schools, wherein he mastered the usual branches of English learning that prepared one for the transaction of business and the meeting of the daily duties of life. In the summer months when not occupied with his text-books he worked in the fields and learned to know the best time to plant the crops just as surely as he learned the multiplication table. He learned also to judge of the richness of the soil and to know the requirements of different crops and thus in all of his work practical experience has been the basis of his success. He has never sought to gain a livelihood in any other line of labor

than that to which he was reared, for farming has been to him a congenial occupation and his place of fifty-five acres is now under a high state of cultivation.

On the 2d of February, 1890, Mr. Ullery was united in marriage to Miss Anna Eversole, a daughter of Daniel Eversole, who was a farmer by occupation and was a native resident of this part of the state. The Eversoles resided mostly in Greene county and are prominent farming people. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Ullery has been blessed with two children, Edna Irene and Vera Isabel, both of whom are now attending school. The parents have a wide acquaintance in this part of the county and enjoy the warm regard of all with whom business or social relations have brought them in contact.

JOHN EMORY GIMPERLING, JR.

John Emory Gimperling, Jr., conducting a profitable and growing business in Dayton as a manufacturer's agent, was born in Xenia, Ohio, while his mother was there on a visit from Louisville, Kentucky. He is a son of John E. Gimperling, Sr., who was born and reared in Hudson, Ohio, and when a young man went to Xenia. After residing in the latter place for sometime, he removed with his family to Louisville, Kentucky, and subsequently became a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana. In fact his work took him to various places. When about nineteen years of age, he entered the railroad service, first as a brakeman and later working his way upward until he became a railroad president. He held various offices in connection with different roads, his ability and close application winning him successive promotions. In January, 1879, he came to Dayton where he still resides. In 1901, he began business here as a manufacturer's agent, handling railroad supplies and continues in this line to the present time. He was married in Xenia, Ohio, in 1869, to Miss Eleanor A. Martin and unto them were born four children of whom one son died in infancy, while three are yet living: John E., of this review; Thomas N., who is a second lieutenant in the Twenty-first Regiment of the United States Army; and Eleanor A., the wife of Robert MacGreggor, of Dayton.

John E. Gimperling was a young lad when he accompanied his parents on their removal to Indianapolis, Indiana. He was educated in the schools of Xenia and of Dayton. On leaving school in 1887, he entered the Dayton Car Service Bureau as clerk, there remaining for eighteen months when he accepted the position of secretary and treasurer of the Riverton Coal Company of Dayton. He remained with that company for two years and also with its successors, the Wainwright Coal Company, which he represented as traveling agent upon the road for two years or until 1895. On that date, he became connected with the Milton Coal Company of Chillicothe, Ohio, as traveling salesman and so continued until 1900, when he went to Colorado, where he engaged in mining and prospecting for four years. On the expiration of that period, he returned to Dayton and joined his father in the business in which he is now engaged, the father handling railroad supplies while the son handles steam engine and steam supplies and in

some lines they are associated. The firm now controls an excellent trade as manufacturers' agents, their patronage still increasing.

Mr. Gimperling belongs to the Masonic fraternity and also to No. 3, United Commercial Travelers, of which he is a past counselor. He likewise belongs to the Third Street Presbyterian church and is well known in local military circles as captain and quartermaster of the Third Infantry of Ohio National Guard. His political allegiance has always been given to the democratic party and he is a member of the board of education at the present time. He is much interested in the cause of the schools and in all matters relative to public progress, withholding his cooperation from no movement which he deems of benefit to the community at large.

JAMES EDWARD CONLEY.

Throughout all the ages there have been men who have been equal to the demands of the times; who meet the needs arising from varied and constantly changing conditions; and who through the exertion of their powers and talents are aiding in promoting the world's work. It has been stated by scientists and men who have made a study of the question that within a comparatively brief time the forests of the country will be exhausted. But though this might at first suggest a calamity, it has even been proven that when one seeming necessity no longer exists, something has come to take its place. Already the use of lumber has been greatly lessened through the manufacture and adoption of cement products, and it is in this connection that James Edward Conley is well known, being the president of the J. E. Conley Company, contractors for cement paving and roofing, also for general construction work. Concrete is not only rapidly taking the place of timber, but also of stone and other building materials, and Mr. Conley has built up a profitable and constantly growing enterprise in this connection, becoming recognized as one of the leading and representative business men of Dayton.

He is a native of Yellow Springs, Greene county, Ohio, born August 18, 1867, the son of Patrick Conley, who was born in County Armagh, Ireland, in 1824 and came to America in 1850. After living for some time in Greene county, Ohio, he moved with his family to Dayton in 1869. He was married in Springfield, Ohio, to Miss Ellen Bellew and unto them were born five children: Mary Ann; James E.; Margaret E., the wife of Frank Wirtz, of Glendale, Ohio; Catharine, the wife of William McCarthy, of Dayton; and Patrick J., of Dayton. The husband and father died in 1906, while the mother is still living in this city.

James Edward Conley was in his second year when his parents removed to Dayton and here his youthful days were passed, his time being largely spent in the pursuit of an education in the public schools until he reached the age of seventeen years. He then started to work for the Gem City Paving & Roofing Company, with which he was connected for eight years during which time he gained broad, practical experience and comprehensive knowledge of business of that character. In 1892, he started upon an independent venture, taking contracts

for cement paving and roofing. He still continues in this line of business and has also extended the scope of his activities to include general construction work. The contracts awarded him have called him into various sections of the country and he has also done much work in Dayton, especially in street paving. As the years have passed—seventeen in number—since Mr. Conley started in business for himself, he has made steady progress, utilizing his opportunities to good advantage and giving entire satisfaction by reason of the thoroughness of his business methods and the excellent manner in which contracts are executed.

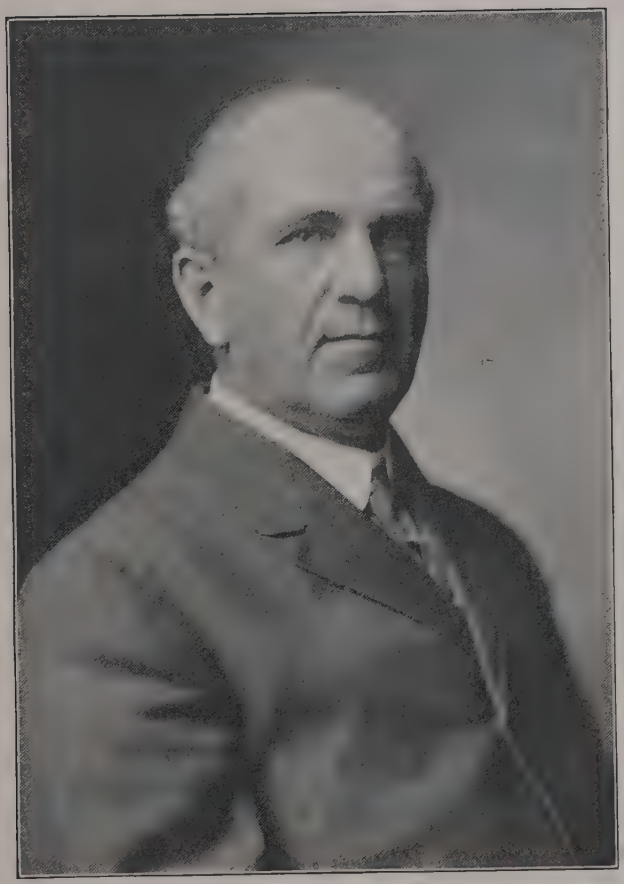
In Dayton, in 1891, Mr. Conley was united in marriage to Miss Laura B. Simpson, of Montgomery county, Ohio, and unto them have been born two daughters, Helen S. and Mabelle E. In his fraternal relations, Mr. Conley is a Mason and, taking various degrees of the York and Scottish rite, he has attained high rank in the order. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias fraternity and is a member of the Dayton City Club, the Bicycle Club and the Mystic Club. He is also connected with the First Reformed church and the dominant forces in his life are such as have won for him the respect of his fellowmen. His political allegiance is given to the democracy and while he does not seek office, he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day. While his business affairs claim the major part of his time and attention, he has never neglected those other interests which constitute forces in the life of every well rounded character, coming into active association with those elements which influence the political, social and moral advancement of the community.

WILLIAM LEONARD CATEN.

William Leonard Caten, secretary of the Reynolds Aertite Carton Company of Dayton, was born in Syracuse, New York, August 29, 1861, and is a son of Lawton and Flora (Hoyt) Caten. His father spent most of his life in Syracuse, where he was born in 1835 and died in 1905. He built the Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville Railroad, which he owned and managed from 1869 until 1898. His wife, who was born near Syracuse in 1839, passed away at Gloversville, New York, in 1880. In their family were five children: William Leonard, of this review; Eva A., the wife of Frederic Remington, of New York; Clara, the wife of H. L. Burr, of Gloversville; Emma L., a resident of Syracuse; and Frederick A., of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

William Leonard Caten was a little lad of eight summers when the family removed from his native city to Gloversville, New York, where he continued his education, pursuing his studies there until 1879. More liberal advantages were then accorded him, enabling him to pursue a course in the St. Lawrence University, at Canton, New York, from which he was graduated in 1883 with the degree of B. S.

That year also witnessed the arrival of Mr. Caten in Dayton and now for more than a quarter of a century he has made this city his home, participating in the various phases of its life and assisting in its progress and substantial improvement. He first entered the employ of the Southern Coal & Iron Company, with which he continued for a year in a comparatively humble capacity, when he succeeded to the



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position of manager of the company, taking the place of John H. Patterson, who is now the president of the National Cash Register Company. Mr. Caton remained as manager until 1893, when he was appointed a trustee of the company, and afterward wound up its affairs and disposed of the property in 1898. He next became interested in the Reynolds-Easton Company, manufacturers of waterproof signs, which was afterward merged into the Reynolds Aertite Carton Company, of which he became secretary in 1901. He is thus active in control of its business interests, having a voice in its management and sharing in the responsibilities that one must always face in the conduct of an important and growing business enterprise.

On the 1st of December, 1886, in Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Caten married Miss Edith G. Eaton, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Eaton, of that city, where her mother is still living. Her father died in Boston in 1903. He took a prominent part in public affairs and served as a member of the legislature. His other children are Mrs. J. G. Quimby, of New York; Mrs. W. D. Gunnison, of Brooklyn; and Mrs. C. S. Heard, of Augusta, Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Caten have two sons: Walter E. and William L.

Mr. Caten belongs to the Beta Theta Phi and his social nature finds expression in his membership in the Dayton City Club, the Bicycle Club and the Country Club. His study of the political issues and questions of the day has led him to give his endorsement to the republican party and at all times he manifests a broad-minded and public-spirited interest in affairs relating to the advancement of the city, whether promulgated through one political influence or another. Personally, he has sought success through the legitimate lines of trade and commerce and while he is making steady progress in the attainment of financial independence, he has ever regarded his own self-respect and the merited esteem of his fellow-men as infinitely more valuable than wealth, fame or position.

PETER F. HUBER.

No history of Montgomery county would be complete without mention of Peter F. Huber, who owns and operates forty-five acres of fine farm land in Butler township. A native of Indiana, he was born in Franklin county on the 18th of May, 1844, and is a son of Peter and Catharine (Weist) Huber, both natives of Germany. Peter Huber, Sr., whose birth occurred on the 15th of May, 1813, came to the United States at an early age, settling first in Philadelphia, while later he removed to Cincinnati, Ohio. He was employed as foreman of construction on the Miami & Erie canal for some time, and then removed to Franklin county, Indiana, where he engaged in general farming and also conducted a hotel and country store. Subsequently he retired from the farm and moved to Dayton, where his death occurred on the 4th of July, 1901, his remains being interred at Greencastle. His wife, who was born in 1811 in the Rhine district of Germany, came to the United States at an early age and was united in marriage to Mr. Huber in Indiana. She passed away in October, 1901, and was laid to rest beside her husband at Greencastle. They were both consistent mem-

bers of the German Reformed Lutheran church and passed away in that faith. In their family were eleven children, Louise, John, Mary Ann, William H., Peter F., George P., Catharine, Michael R., Louis P., Rachel and one who died in infancy. Of this number Catharine, Louise, Michael and John are now deceased, the latter being buried in Muncie, Indiana, Michael and Louise in Franklin county, that state, and Catharine in Spring Grove Cemetery, Cincinnati.

Peter F. Huber spent the days of his boyhood and youth in the county of his nativity and acquired his education as a pupil in the common schools during that period. He remained at home until nineteen years of age when, on October 19, 1864, he enlisted in the Union army as a member of Company B, Twenty-second Indiana Volunteer Infantry, doing garrison duty at Indianapolis. Later he went to Nashville and participated in the siege of Chattanooga, and then returned to Indianapolis, where he was mustered out on the 8th of May, 1865.

When the country no longer needed his services, Mr. Huber returned home and soon afterward removed to Dayton, where he engaged in the shoe business for seven years. Ill health, however, made it necessary for him to give up that occupation, and for six years, he was identified with the grocery business. About ten years ago, feeling that life in the country would be more congenial and profitable, he purchased his present farm of forty-five acres located in Butler township, which he has since made his place of residence and he is now engaged in general farming. His son Henry is raising fine poultry, handling only full blooded stock of the White Face Black Spanish and White Crested Black Polish varieties. In this business, he has succeeded even beyond his expectations, becoming known throughout the length and breadth of the country as a breeder of fine chickens, while his word is considered authority along the line of his specialty. His shipments of poultry and eggs extend to every part of the United States and to Mexico and are proving a source of most gratifying profit to him.

On September 21, 1865, Mr. Huber was united in marriage to Miss Louise Steiner, who was born February 12, 1843, in Dayton, Ohio, and is a daughter of Michael and Elizabeth (Ullmer) Steiner. Her parents were both natives of Germany, the father's birth occurring in 1804, while the mother was born in 1817. They came to the United States in 1840 and were married about three months after their arrival in this country. They located in Dayton, where Mr. Steiner engaged in the pork packing business until his retirement from active life. They both passed away in Dayton, the father in 1874 and the mother in 1885, their remains being laid to rest at Fort McKinley, Montgomery county. They had both been members of the German Reformed church throughout their entire lives. Their three children still survive them, namely: Mrs. Peter Huber; Henry, who was born June 5, 1846; and Mary Ann, who was born on the 13th of August, 1850. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Huber has been blessed with five children. Henry, the eldest, was born May 19, 1866, and he is now living at home, engaged in the poultry business on his father's farm. Mary C. was born on the 7th of September, 1868 and is now the wife of Frank Troup. They reside in Kansas City, Missouri, and have one child, Helen Marie, born September 21, 1892. Lucy, the third in order of birth, was born June 3, 1870, and is now the widow of Charles Smiley, who passed away on the 13th of December, 1904, leaving his wife and one child, Earl, born June 19, 1892. Margaret, born October 11,

1871, married Harry Hershey and they now make their home in Columbus. Elizabeth, the youngest of the family, who was born on the 30th of May, 1873, died March 3, 1884, when eleven years of age, her remains being laid to rest in Woodens Cemetery, Montgomery county.

Mr. and Mrs. Huber are both members of the German Reformed church and are consistent Christian people, who occupy an enviable place in the community in which they reside. Mr. Huber is a republican in politics, while fraternally, he is connected with the Odd Fellows. He possesses many sterling traits of character that have gained for him a wide circle of friends during his residence in this community. His prominence has come to him as the result of close application, indefatigable energy and undaunted perseverance, which characteristics have been the dominant features of his career.

FREDERICK CHARLES MERKLE.

Frederick Charles Merkle is the senior partner of the firm of F. C. Merkle & Company, manufacturers and importers of granite monuments, in which connection he has won an enviable reputation. His business is now second to none in this part of the state and in fact his fame has spread abroad, bringing him an extensive patronage from many cities of Ohio. He was born in Wapakoneta, Ohio, April 24, 1851, and there lived to the age of fifteen years. The family is of German origin and the grandfather, John Merkle, was born in Wittenburg in 1790. Coming to America in 1855, he located in Wapakoneta, where he resided until his death in 1869, during which period he engaged in buying and selling hides and produce. His father, Maximillian Merkle, had lived and died in Wittenburg. The father, Charles Merkle, was born in Wittenburg, Germany, in 1816 and came to America in 1837, locating in Wapakoneta, Ohio, where for many years he made his home. In 1866, he removed to Dayton, where the succeeding twenty-seven years were passed and death then claimed him in 1893. He was married in Wapakoneta, in 1845, to Miss Anna E. Ketzenberger and unto them were born eight children, of whom four died in infancy, while an equal number reached years of maturity. These were as follows: John, who served on the police force of Dayton for thirty years, wearing badge No. 1, passed away in this city in 1906 at the age of fifty-eight years. He left a widow and four children: Edward J., Bertha, Henry and Albert. The other children of Charles Merkle who reached maturity are: Frederick C., of this review; Charles F., a resident of Seattle, Washington; and Joseph C., of Dayton. The mother of these children passed away in 1897 at the age of seventy-five years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Charles Merkle enjoyed in large measure the friendship and kindly regard of those who knew them, for they were people of the highest respectability.

Frederick Charles Merkle was a youth of fifteen years when he accompanied his parents on their removal from his native town to Dayton and here he completed his education, supplementing his public-school course by study in the Miami Commercial College, from which he was graduated in 1870. He entered business life as an employe of the Dayton & Michigan Railroad Company in the

office of the freight department in this city, where he remained for about four years. He then went to Waverly, Missouri, where he began trading in stock, his time being thus occupied for two years. On the expiration of that period he returned to Dayton and soon afterward entered the employ of Thomas Staniland, a marble dealer, with whom he remained from 1883 until 1895, during which period he became thoroughly familiar with the trade and at the end of that time felt that his long experience, as well as the capital which he had saved from his earnings, justified him in engaging in business on his own account. He therefore organized the firm of F. C. Merkle & Company and is now engaged in the manufacture and importation of granite monuments and general cemetery work.

In 1907, he also organized the Georgetown (Ohio) Marble Company, of which he is a director. The prominent position which he occupies in his line is indicated in the extensive patronage which is accorded him. Many of the finest monuments in Dayton cemeteries have been put up by him and he has placed probably an equal number in the Cincinnati cemeteries, also in Miamisburg, Springfield, Middletown, Franklin and Georgetown, Ohio; Winchester, Maysville, Mount Sterling, Paris and Mayslick, Kentucky; Huntington, Richmond and Knightstown, Indiana; and Champaign City, Illinois. In various other Ohio towns are seen the evidences of his handiwork and the output of his establishment is always tasteful, artistic and executed in the finest possible manner. He erected one monument in Calvary cemetery at a cost of ten thousand dollars and at Newport, Kentucky, erected the monument for the James Shaw estate, which is the second largest individual spire monument in the world.

On the 24th of March, 1874, Mr. Merkle was married in Dayton to Miss Eliza M. Pohlkotte, a daughter of George R. Pohlkotte, and unto this marriage have been born three children who are now living: John Henry; Anna M., the wife of Harry E. Albert; and Edith Adell Merkle. Mr. Merkle has attained high rank in Masonry, having taken the degree of the Consistory and also of the Mystic Shrine. He belongs to Buckeye Lodge, No. 47, I. O. O. F., and to the German Lutheran church, while his political support is given to the republican party and in matters of citizenship, he manifests a progressive and helpful spirit, being interested in all that pertains to the progress and upbuilding of the city in which he has long made his home. He is a man of democratic spirit, easily approachable, recognizing the good qualities in others, and his many substantial and commendable characteristics have gained him a firm hold on the warm regard of those with whom he comes in contact.

WILLIAM J. REYH.

William J. Reyh, who is successfully and extensively engaged in the dairy business in Mad River township, was born in Germany on the 15th of February, 1875, and when six years of age was brought to this country by his parents, Michael and Christina (Melebeck) Reyh, the family home being established in Montgomery county, Ohio. The paternal grandparents spent their entire lives in the fatherland. Michael Reyh, the father of our subject, acquired his education in

Germany and after coming to this county became identified with dairy interests in Dayton, Ohio. His first wife passed away when their son, William J., was about ten years of age and subsequently he was again married, his second union being with Catharine Weng, by whom he had three children.

William J. Reyh attended the district schools of this county in the acquirement of an education and also worked on the farm when not busy with his text-books. Under the direction of his father he became familiar with the dairy business in principle and detail and has been connected with that line of activity throughout his entire business career. At one time he was in partnership with William Wagner but later purchased his interest and has since been the sole owner and proprietor of what is one of the largest and best dairies in the county. It is situated just outside the city of Dayton, about two miles from the court house, where is found the best pasture land in the state of Ohio. Mr. Reyh owns thirty-five good milch cows and markets the products of his dairy in Dayton, having one of the most extensive routes in the city. He employs several men to assist in the conduct of the business but personally attends to the sales. Beginning with absolutely nothing but his own willing hands and indomitable courage, he has made his way to success and prosperity and his record may well serve as a source of inspiration and encouragement to others.

Mr. Reyh has been twice married and by his first wife had a son, Herbert, now eight years of age. In 1907 he was united in marriage to Miss Marie Trupp. Fraternally he is identified with the Red Men, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Lutheran church. Having been a resident of this county since early childhood, he is well and favorably known within its borders, his many sterling traits of character having endeared him to those with whom he has come in contact. In the management of his business affairs he displays keen discernment and sound judgment and his life has been one of continuous activity, in which has been accorded due recognition of labor.

JAMES A. KIRK.

James A. Kirk was the promoter and is the proprietor of the Lakeside Park, a popular summer resort at Dayton. In this connection he has shown marked business ability and undaunted enterprise, having made a close study of public demands in this direction. He was born near Wilmington, Delaware, September 25, 1851, and is a son of Michael and Katherine Kirk, who came to the new world from Ireland. His education was acquired in the public schools and after putting aside his text-books he took up the trade of carriage-making, which he followed until 1869, when he came to Dayton. He has since been identified with the interests of this city although his business affairs have also carried him into other districts.

In 1876 he began to secure privileges at expositions for the manufacture of fine candies and for several years he conducted concessions at Chicago, Milwaukee and various other places. Constant association with those catering to the amusement-seeking public gave him a valuable experience and he conceived

the idea of creating the first amusement park for Dayton. That his labors have been very successful is seen by all who are familiar with the history of the city. He established a summer resort at the main entrance of the Soldiers' Home, sparing neither time nor expense in the transformation of these grounds into a most beautiful district, utilizing the aid of the landscape gardener and the electrician. The park is visited annually by a half million of people and its popularity is increasing as the years go by. That it has grown to be the objective point for all visiting excursions is due to the fact that the management has kept abreast of the times in providing first-class attractions. He makes a close study of wholesome amusements and supplies them regardless of expense. He keeps in touch with everything that is brought out for the entertainment of the public and many rare and novel attractions are found at this place. The strictest attention is paid to orderliness and only high-class attractions are offered.

Mr. Kirk was married in 1874 to Miss Anna Wiles, a daughter of Samuel and Christina Wiles, of Dayton. Their handsome home is at the west entrance of Lakeside Park and its hospitality is greatly enjoyed by their many friends. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kirk have long been known in this city, his residence covering forty years. He is a man of excellent business ability, displaying prescience in all of his business affairs and enterprise and energy have long been numbered among his sterling characteristics.

GEORGE W. SMITH.

Although George W. Smith has already passed the Psalmist's allotted span of three score years and ten, he is yet an active factor in the business life of the community in which he resides, owning and operating a fine farm in Wayne township. For many years before he took up agricultural pursuits, he was closely identified with the industrial interests of his native county and became recognized as an enterprising, progressive and successful business man.

Born in Mad River township, Montgomery county, on the 3d of October, 1836, he is a son of Edward and Mary (Lanpher) Smith. His father, who was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1803, was there reared and educated. He came to the United States in 1832, making his way direct to Montgomery county, Ohio, where he began working at fifty cents per day. He was truly a self-made man, working his way upward from that humble position until, at the time of his death, he was the owner of an enormous business. His success was honorably won for he based his operations upon the principle that honesty is the best policy, and never was he known to break a contract, even if by so doing he could make double the amount of money. His wife was born in Ohio, near Chillicothe in 1813 and was the daughter of a minister who also followed the occupation of farming. She married Edward Smith in 1834 and passed away in 1888, while her husband's demise occurred in 1878. They were laid to rest in Woodland cemetery. In their family were eleven children, namely: Thomas, born November 1, 1834; George W., of this review; Charlotte, deceased, who was born in 1838; Mary J., also deceased, who was born in 1842; James, who contracted heart disease while serv-

ing in the Civil war as a member of Company C, First Ohio Infantry and died in 1865, shortly after returning home; William H., who passed away in infancy; William H., II, who died at the age of twenty-four years; Charles and Charles II, both of whom passed away in infancy; Edward; and Emma. Of this family Edward, Emma, Thomas and George still survive.

George W. Smith attended the common schools of his native county in the acquirement of his early education and later supplemented this by a course of study in Dayton and Urbana. After leaving school, he became identified with his father in the distillery business and later, for about three years, was connected with the oil and flour business at Tippecanoe City. Returning to Montgomery county, he was again associated with his father in the distillery, which relationship continued until his father's retirement from active life several years prior to his death, when George W. Smith conducted the business in connection with his brother Edward for a number of years. Throughout his connection with the distillery business George W. Smith displayed keen business ability, basing his operations upon the policy which his father had instituted before him. As the years passed, he became very successful, his industry and enterprise returning a handsome competence, and he at length decided to withdraw from the strenuous duties of business life. His parents deeded him a farm near Xenia, 1871, in Wayne township, consisting of two hundred and two and seventy-seven hundredths acres of fine land, and upon this place, which he rents to a tenant, he has since continued to reside. He makes a specialty of raising corn and this season he will have one hundred and twenty-five or one hundred and thirty acres of that grain. Exercising the same good management and business ability as characterized his connection with industrial interests, his farm is operated along strictly up-to-date and modern methods and it is a paying and highly profitable proposition.

On the 10th of November, 1864, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Ann Catharine Harbine, a daughter of John and Hettie (Herr) Harbine, her birth occurring in June, 1840. Her father was a well known distiller of Green county, Ohio, and was a very wealthy and influential man in the community in which he resided. He and his wife are both now deceased, their remains being interred in the cemetery at Xenia, Ohio. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith was blessed with three children, as follows: Hettie Gertrude, the eldest, was born August 9, 1865, and on the 27th of June, 1889, gave her hand in marriage to Leo M. Flesh, of Piqua, Ohio. They had four children, Alfred Lewis, Henry, George H. and Gertrude, but Henry passed away at the age of twelve years and was buried at Piqua. Mr. Flesh is a wealthy and influential man of that city and is interested in various lines of business conducting a clothing store and underwear factory, while he is also a large stockholder in the telephone company. The second in order of birth was John Edward, who was born on the 29th of March, 1867, and died August 9, 1868, being buried in Woodland cemetery. The youngest, Mary Alma, born September 16, 1868, has also passed away, her death occurring on the 25th of April, 1869, her remains being laid to rest at Woodland.

Not only because of his business success has Mr. Smith become widely known throughout the community, but also by reason of the active interest which he has always taken in all community matters. A stalwart republican in his political al-

legiance, he gives hearty support to that party and does all in his power to extend its influence. He was township clerk for several years and for two years filled the position of United States assistant assessor. His interests are those of a public-spirited citizen and progressive business man and he occupies a very prominent place among the citizens of both the township and county in which he resides.

GEORGE MURRAY YOUNG.

George Murray Young was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, April 1, 1802, and was of Scotch-Irish descent and parentage, his father, Dr. Hugh Murray Young, who was born in 1742 and died in 1815, having been an early Irish emigrant to America, whose participation in the Emmett rebellion caused him to leave Ireland and seek a refuge in the New World. George Murray Young obtained his education at Exeter and Poughkeepsie Academies. He was fond of study, but, being thrown upon his own resources at an early age by the death of his father, he left school and learned the printer's trade, becoming both a practical printer and publisher before reaching his majority.

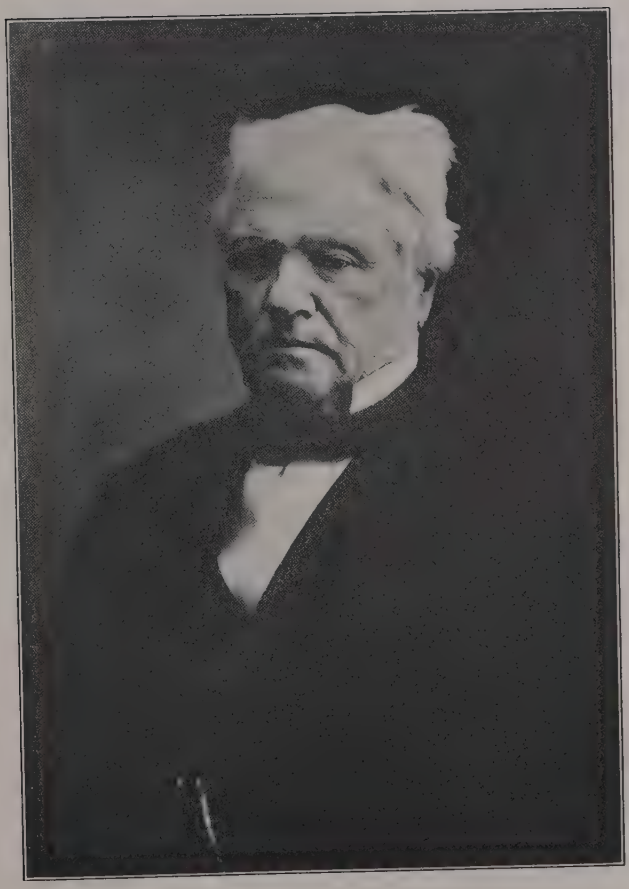
While residing at Lyme, New Hampshire, in the year 1826 he married Sibel Green, a daughter of Benjamin Green of that place, and a grandaughter of Colonel Ebenezer Green, a Revolutionary soldier, whose grave may still be seen in the old Lyme burying ground. Colonel Green had married a daughter of Benjamin Grant, also of Lyme, New Hampshire, who was the great-great-grandfather of Alice and Phoebe Carey and whose parents were also the ancestors of General U. S. Grant.

In 1835 Mr. and Mrs. Young came west with their children and located at Newark, Ohio, where for ten years Mr. Young was extensively engaged in mercantile pursuits, being the owner, among other business properties, of a line of boats on the Miami & Erie canal. In the year 1840, having attained prominence in his new home, he became the whig candidate of Licking county for the state senate, and despite that county's usual strong democratic majority, ran far ahead of his ticket and came within forty votes of an election.

In 1845 Mr. Young removed to Cincinnati, where he conducted a large produce and commission business until 1851, when he took up his residence at Dayton, Montgomery county. After coming to Dayton, he retired from mercantile pursuits and served for some years as a justice of the peace, after which, in the year 1854, he was elected mayor of the city and subsequently reelected in 1855. Some years later he was appointed United States commissioner, an office which he filled with credit and ability until his death. His wife died at Dayton in the year 1865.

Mr. Young was pronounced in his opinions and was an earnest friend and supporter of all moral and religious movements, being especially prominent in his labors for the cause of temperance. While residing at Cincinnati, he was grand worthy patriarch of the Sons of Temperance, when that society numbered thirty thousand in Ohio, and he was one of the editors of its official paper, The Organ and Messenger.

He was, from early manhood, a prominent member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, by which organization he was elected to many prominent and re-



GEORGE M. YOUNG

sponsible offices, and in whose charitable and beneficial work he at all times took a warm and active interest. In politics he was first a whig and later a republican, and he was always a bitter and outspoken opponent of negro slavery.

While he resided in New Hampshire and for years after coming to Ohio he was prominently identified with the Congregational church, and when, subsequently, about the year 1869, the local church of that denomination at Dayton passed out of existence he was one of its deacons, and being especially appointed for that purpose, closed its financial affairs and disposed of its property. He, thereafter, at once allied himself with the Third Street Presbyterian church at Dayton, of which he continued a leading member until his death.

Mr. Young's natural abilities were of a high order. He early made up for his lack of collegiate education by wide and diligent reading, and he was well informed in politics, history and general literature, having at the same time a mind well stored with that diversified practical information which comes from daily intercourse with men and extensive business experience.

While he was never admitted to the bar, he had published law books in his younger years, had read law attentively and had acted to such an extent as notary public, conveyancer, master commissioner and receiver, and in other ways closely related to the law and the courts, that his legal knowledge and ability were well recognized and highly respected.

He was a great admirer of the Puritan race and character and was himself the possessor of many pronounced traits which gave marked evidence of his New England birth and education. While naturally modest and retiring in manner, he had the full courage of his strong convictions, and, when aroused, he was outspoken in their advocacy and fearless and uncompromising in their defense. Faultless in honor, fearless in conduct and stainless in reputation, he passed away at Dayton, Ohio, August 30, 1878, having always enjoyed in whatever community he lived the unqualified confidence and respect of all with whom he was associated.

EDMOND STAFFORD YOUNG.

Edmond Stafford Young, for many years a leading and distinguished member of the Dayton bar, was the eldest son of George Murray Young, (a sketch of whose life precedes) and of Sibel Green, his wife, and was born at Lyme, Grafton county, New Hampshire, February 27, 1827. At the early age of eight he came west with his parents, who had removed from New Hampshire to become residents of Newark, Licking county, Ohio.

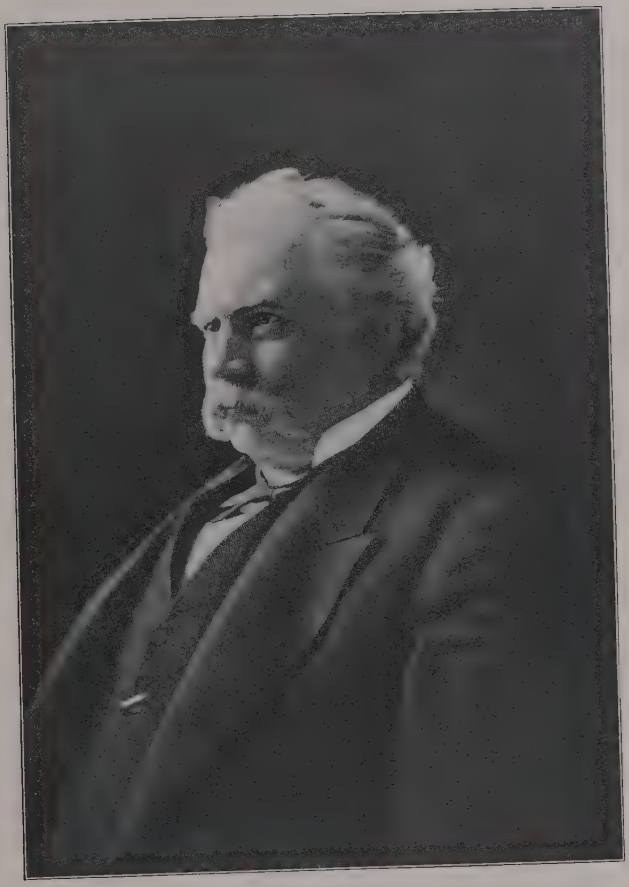
While a resident of Newark Mr. Young attended Granville College, (now Denison University) near that city, where he completed his sophomore year in 1845, but his parents having removed to Cincinnati, he subsequently entered Farmers' (now Belmont) College at College Hill, from which he was graduated in 1847. This institution, though comparatively small in size, has had among its alumni not a few men of distinguished ability and reputation, and among them Mr. Young was associated as a schoolmate with President Benjamin Harrison, Murat

Halstead and John W. Herron, of Cincinnati, and Hon. L. B. Gunckel and Judge Henderson Elliot, of Dayton.

Soon after leaving college he began the study of law in the office of Hon. William J. McKinney of Dayton, and subsequently was graduated at the Cincinnati Law School in the year 1853, after which he served for a term as head deputy in the office of the clerk of the courts of Montgomery county, Ohio, an experience which he always considered of great value to him as a lawyer. After entering the practice of the law he became associated successively with George W. Brown, Hon. David A. Houk and Oscar M. Gottschall, his relation with the latter continuing from 1866 to 1879. In the spring of 1878 Mr. Young's eldest son, George R. Young, was admitted to the firm, which, under the name of Young, Gottschall & Young, continued for a year, at the end of which period Mr. Gottschall retired. Mr. Young and his son subsequently remained together in the practice under the name of Young & Young until his death in the year 1888.

In September, 1856, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Mr. Young married Sarah B. Dechert, a daughter of Elijah Dechert, a leading lawyer of Reading, Pennsylvania, who was a son of Captain Peter Dechert, a soldier in the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Young's mother, Mary Porter Dechert, was a daughter of Judge Robert Porter, also of Reading, Pennsylvania, who sat for more than twenty years on the bench in that city and who was descended from Robert Porter, a native of Ireland, who emigrated to Londonderry, New Hampshire, and afterward removed to Montgomery county, Philadelphia, where he resided until his death. His most prominent and successful son, Mrs. Young's great-great-grandfather, was General Andrew Porter, who was a prominent Revolutionary officer and a close personal friend and associate of Washington. After the close of the war he was commissioned major-general of militia of Pennsylvania, and he was subsequently tendered the position of secretary of war by President Madison, but declined the honor. His son, Judge Robert Porter, while still a mere youth but eleven years of age, served with his father in the army and having been commissioned lieutenant of artillery was probably the youngest soldier and officer in the colonial service. Both General Andrew Porter and his son, Judge Robert Porter, were members of the Order of the Cincinnati, an honor which has passed to their descendants and a detailed sketch of their lives is published in the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography, Vol. IV, No. 3, published by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Young is now one of the oldest members of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

When the Civil war broke out Edmond Stafford Young firmly espoused the Union cause and became a stanch supporter of President Lincoln's administration. On October 16, 1861, a military committee was appointed by the governor of Ohio, to which was given charge and control of all recruiting and organization and of military matters generally in Montgomery county. Mr. Young served as chairman of this committee, and he was thus closely identified with the organization and enlistment of practically all the regiments raised in Dayton and its vicinity. In the fall of 1861 he was one of the "Squirrel Hunters" so called, who rallied to the defense of Cincinnati when that city was threatened by the Confederates under General Kirby Smith, and later he was appointed by Governor Brough commissioner of the draft for Montgomery county and made the largest draft in the state.



EDMOND S. YOUNG

Throughout the period of mob violence and strife, which for years ran riot in Dayton, as a hot-bed of what was then known as "copper-headism," and which at one time brought that city under martial law, Mr. Young was always a conspicuous and commanding figure, and his voice, influence and example were always exerted to the full in the cause of loyalty and union.

After the close of the war, while devoting most of his time to the work of his profession, his interest in public affairs still continued unabated. He took a deep interest in the public schools and served efficiently on the board of education and he was a member of Dayton's first non-partisan police board, appointed in 1873, by which the present metropolitan police system was inaugurated. He was also one of the founders of the Dayton Bar Association, now known as the Dayton Law Library Association, by which Dayton's excellent Law Library (now in point of completeness the fourth in the state) has been collected, and he served for years on its board of trustees.

During the course of his practice his name was frequently suggested for judicial honors, among others, a place on the supreme bench of the state, but he always personally discouraged such movements, preferring to remain at the bar and in the active practice of his profession. He was a member of the Ohio State Bar Association, in which he frequently took a leading part and also of the American Bar Association. He died suddenly October 14, 1888, while still in full practice and at the zenith of his powers, leaving surviving him his widow and two sons, George R. and William H. Young, all of whom still survive, and a daughter, Mary, a young woman of most lovable personal traits and marked intellectuality, who died August 13, 1895.

Of Mr. Young, a contemporary biographer has well said: "He was a man of striking physical appearance and of marked mental characteristics. He was born to be a lawyer. His breadth of intellect, his strong determined will, his sound impartial judgment, his remarkable reasoning powers, his gift of nice and correct discrimination, made up a mental organization distinctively legal; while at the same time his large and well proportioned head, with its high expansive forehead, set firmly on his broad square shoulders, gave him a personal appearance in keeping with his mental characteristics. He was a strong and pure type of that class of American lawyers, who, eschewing outside schemes for the promotion of wealth and personal aggrandizement, devote to their profession the full measure of their powers and seek happiness in the conscientious discharge of their professional, domestic and civic duties."

GEORGE R. YOUNG.

In the history of the legal profession in Montgomery county the name of Young has now figured prominently for nearly sixty years, for during that period, the father, Edmond Stafford Young and the sons, George R. and William H. Young, have successively and continuously been leading members of the Dayton bar. And, in the course of time, it has come to pass that the firm name "Young

& Young," under which the brothers are still associated and which has now existed for over thirty years, has become the oldest in use among Dayton lawyers.

George R. Young, one of Dayton's native sons, was born in that city, October 2, 1857. He obtained his education in the Dayton public schools, having graduated from the Central high school (now the Steele high school) in 1875 as valedictorian of his class and having received a gold medal for scholarship. For a time he then studied under private tutors, but soon took up the study of the law in the office of his father Edmond Stafford Young, a sketch of whose life precedes.

He was admitted to the bar in April, 1878, and was probably at the time the youngest attorney in Ohio, having been admitted some months before reaching his majority. Mr. Young has made the practice of law his life work, and without any of those digressions which result from office holding or lengthy vacations, he has pursued it steadily ever since his admission with a diligence and ability which have both merited and achieved success.

Mr. Young is recognized as a sound lawyer and a forcible and convincing speaker, either before the court or jury, and his unusual command of pure and correct English always secures and retains for him close attention and careful consideration. His firm has always enjoyed a large and representative clientage, having been retained in many of the leading cases tried in the courts of Montgomery and adjoining counties. For the last ten years the brothers have been located in their own building, the Young Building, where their handsome suite of offices is widely celebrated for its commodious size and the unusual perfection of its arrangement and equipment.

Mr. Young was president of his local bar association when little more than thirty years of age, and he has been for years a member of both the Ohio State and American Bar Associations. Ever since his father's death, in 1888, he has been a trustee of the Dayton Law Library Association, having succeeded his father in that position, and during that period he has been either its treasurer or vice-president.

Mr. Young is popular, not only in his profession but among a large circle of friends in his native city, where he enjoys the respect and esteem of the entire community. He is a charter member of the Dayton Club, was the first president of the High School Alumni Association and one of the founders and supporters of the Dayton Literary Union, which flourished for many years in Dayton. He has always been interested in literature and the diffusion of useful knowledge and is now the president of the Dayton Astronomical Society, formed to promote the study of astronomy and kindred sciences.

In politics Mr. Young has always been a republican, but never a politician in the sense of seeking office as a reward for party fealty. While absent in the east in 1881, without his solicitation or knowledge, his party nominated him for prosecuting attorney of Montgomery county. Remaining on the ticket with reluctance, notwithstanding a customary democratic majority of more than a thousand he was beaten by only a few hundred votes. In 1885 he was again nominated for office, this time for city solicitor of Dayton. The city was then reliably democratic, and though he ran far ahead of his ticket he was again defeated by a small majority. Since then he has neither held nor sought political office, confining his attention entirely to his professional duties.

GEORGE R. YOUNG

In the fall of 1894, upon the elevation of Judge John A. Schauck from the circuit to the supreme bench, Mr. Young, without solicitation on his part, was prominently mentioned as his successor. A petition to Governor McKinley for his appointment was circulated and signed by practically every member of the Montgomery County Bar, but owing to lack of time, in case of success, to close up his private practice, Mr. Young withdrew his name from consideration. Having been more recently asked to be a candidate for nomination for a supreme court judgeship and promised the united support of his county delegation, he declined to enter the contest, preferring the independence of private life.

Neither George R. Young nor his brother William H. Young have ever married; but since their father's decease, together with their mother, Mrs. Sarah D. Young, who at the advanced age of eighty-four years is still well preserved both mentally and physically, they have maintained their family homestead in the city, which they have greatly enlarged and beautified, and where, as well as at their country home "Willowbrook," near Dayton, they have dispensed a ready and agreeable hospitality.

WILLIAM H. YOUNG.

William H. Young, who for more than a quarter of a century has been active in the practice of law at Dayton, is the second son of Edmond Stafford and Sarah (Dechert) Young, and was born in his home city, March 2, 1860. Upon his father's death in 1888 he became a member of the well known law firm of Young & Young, in which he has ever since been, and still is, associated with his brother George R. Young. His education was obtained in the Dayton public schools, and upon leaving the high school he studied law in the office of his father and brother, being subsequently admitted to the bar in the year 1884 at Columbus, Ohio, after passing the examination prescribed by the rules of the supreme court. For many years after his admission he took a keen interest in politics, serving shortly after attaining his majority as president of the Blaine and Logan "First Voters," and during this period he made many campaign speeches, some of which made so strong an impression that they are still frequently recalled and gained for him a wide reputation as a ready, eloquent and convincing speaker. At a later period he was often urged to become a candidate for the legislature or for congress, but, although possessing much personal magnetism and enjoying great popularity and being in all respects admirably fitted for public life, like his father and brother, he has continuously declined to enter politics.

When he was only about ten years of age Mr. Young suffered from a very malignant attack of scarlet fever, from which hip disease and other complications ensued, confining him to his bed for nearly four years, resulting in permanent lameness and causing a decided limp in his walk, but this disadvantage, which would have proved a serious handicap to many, has in his case, served only to add to his already marked personality, without detracting in any appreciable degree from his energy, his activity or his usefulness. In Dayton, his native city, he has long been a conspicuous and familiar figure, and his genial manners, unfailing

good humor and buoyancy of spirits, together with his strong and unique personality, in many respects bearing marked resemblance to his father's, have been such that it is scarcely an exaggeration to say that he has been known to almost every man, woman and child in the city. He has also a large circle of acquaintance throughout the state, not only among members of the legal profession, but including those who for the past twenty years have been prominent in political and official circles.

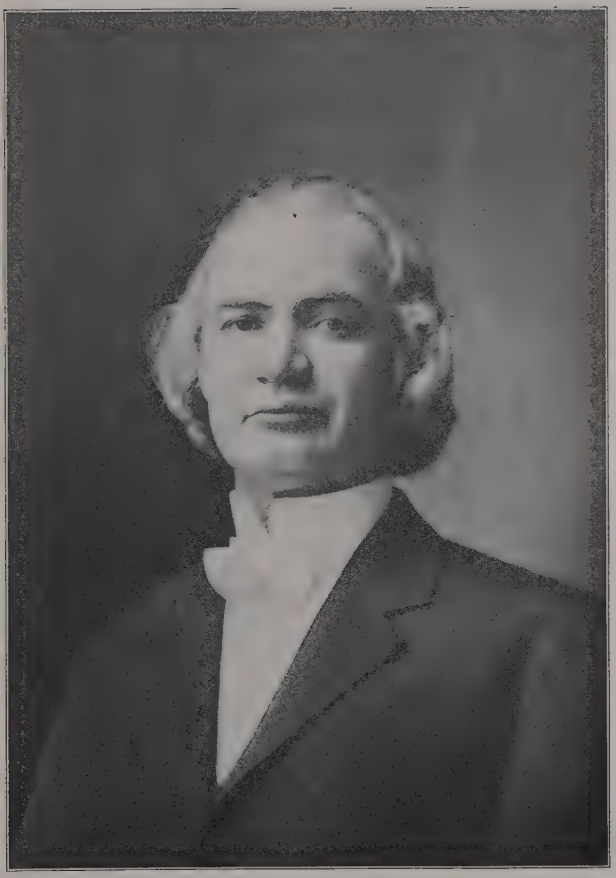
His personal characteristics are such that he is a good mixer and makes friends easily, and when once seen by any one he is rarely forgotten. He has, at various times, taken a leading part in public movements at Dayton, for the promotion of charitable objects and moral and civic reforms; and the removal from office, a few years ago, of an objectionable chief of police, who had obtained a strong and apparently impregnable foothold, was almost wholly due to his seasonable initiative and courageous, able and untiring efforts. His goodness of heart and sympathy with his kind are well known and constantly remarked upon, not only as exemplified by his devotion to his mother and brother, and to his sister, now deceased, but also by a broad philanthropy extending to persons in all walks of life which has earned for him the deserved gratitude of many who have been assisted by his timely advice and personal aid in hours of sorrow, sickness and adversity.

At the bar he has always borne a reputation as a strong jury advocate, and in this field, affording as it does, opportunity for the display of his attractive individuality, his sound common sense and great knowledge of human nature, his efforts have been attended by marked success. He is strong in his likes and dislikes and outspoken in his opinions, but while he is slow to forgive an injury or wrong, he never forgets a friend. While he gives close attention to professional matters, being an excellent judge of land values and experienced in matters of general business, he devotes a part of his time to the management of his own and his brother's real-estate holdings, and to their other private interests.

Being unmarried, Mr. Young lives at home with his mother and brother in the family homestead, where his father formerly resided, spending part of the year at their country home near Dayton, whose beauty and popularity are largely due to his excellent taste and to his thoughtful care and attention.

ALBERT BENNER.

Albert Benner, a successful farmer of Miami township, Montgomery county, owns seventy-six acres of fine land on the Springboro pike about three miles from Miamisburg. He was born on the old Benner homestead, October 15, 1868, and is the son of Valentine and Carolina (Goudy) Benner. He received his early training in the seventh district school of Miami township, but like his brothers worked on the farm during his entire school period, under the guidance of his father. The lessons thus early learned have stood him in good stead in later years, and the habits of industry and thrift inculcated have not been dispelled with the passage of time.



WILLIAM H. YOUNG

On the 16th of September, 1888, was celebrated the marriage of Mr Benner and Miss Elizabeth Gebhart, a daughter of David and Frances (Roof) Gebhart. The former was the son of Elias and Elizabeth (Gebhart) Gebhart, who came to this county from Pennsylvania and were the first branch of the family to settle here. David Gebhart was born and reared in this county and attained to a position of prominence among the farmers here. He had learned the carpenter's trade, but forsook it for the more congenial work of agriculture. He was the father of eight children: Elizabeth; Arlina; Mary; Maggie; Clinton; Cora, deceased; Grover, also deceased; and Roy. Mr. and Mrs. Benner have five children, all of whom are living; Edna, who finished her education at the local schools and is studying at the Miami Valley Hospital; Ethel, who is also through school and lives at home, as do the three youngest, Olive, Forest and Robert. The family belong to the Lutheran church and are well known among the congregation for the active part they have always taken in all church affairs.

Mr. Benner enjoys fraternal relations with the Miamisburg lodge of the Knights of Pythias, No. 44.

He is a man of considerable public spirit, and has served the people of his township well during the two terms he held the position of school director. The many qualities that make for success in the difficult life of farming, the capacity for hard work and perseverance, are his birthright. Of them and of his time he has made the best use, and while winning a competence for himself he has ever retained the good will of his friends and neighbors.

VIRGIL L. BROOKS.

Among the leading business men of Dayton is Virgil L. Brooks, of the well known firm of Brooks Sons, plumbers, who was born in the city of Cleveland in 1857, and is a son of John L. Brooks, whose birth occurred in Oxford, England. On coming to the new world he first located in New York city and from there removed to Buffalo, where he made his home until going to Cleveland. In 1860 he became a resident of Dayton and here engaged in business as a contracting heating plumber for a number of years. He died while on his summer vacation at Wickford, Rhode Island. In his family were three sons and two daughters, of whom our subject and the two daughters are still living, the latter being Nellie B., the wife of Charles F. Reynolds, of Providence, Rhode Island, and Carrie G., the wife of Alvin H. Plummer.

Virgil L. Brooks was only three years of age when brought by his parents to Dayton and in this city was reared and educated, attending the public schools until after he was seventeen years of age. He then entered the plumbing shop of his father and learned the trade. Becoming thoroughly conversant with the business in every department he was admitted to a partnership with his father under the firm name of Brooks & Son, carrying on the business under that title until the death of the father in 1898. The firm name was then changed to Brooks Sons, by which it is still known. They do a very large and profitable business and stand

high in business circles. Mr. Brooks is also vice president of the Ashley Falls Marble Company.

In 1894 he was married in Mansfield Center, Connecticut, to Miss Nellie M. Sumner and they have since made their home in Dayton where they have a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Fraternally Mr. Brooks is identified with the Masonic order and the Knights of Pythias, while religiously he holds membership in the Linden Avenue Baptist church. In politics he is independent but he takes an active and commendable interest in public affairs and gives his support to all measures which he believes will prove of public benefit.

WILLIAM D. WHITEHEAD.

William D. Whitehead merits the high regard in which he is uniformly held for his life has ever been an upright and honorable one, characterized by activity in business and devotion to honorable principles. He is the owner of a ninety-acre farm in Madison township and the cultivation of his fields brings him a substantial annual income. He was born on the 12th of November, 1868, on the farm on which he still makes his home, for his present property is a part of the old Whitehead homestead. His parents were David and Mary (Wolfe) Whitehead. His grandfather came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and was one of the first settlers in this part of the state. He drove across the country and after reaching his destination he turned his horses out and they ran away, going back over the trail nearly to Pennsylvania. He followed them and at length recovered them. All of the conditions of pioneer life were here to be found when he took his abode in Montgomery county, building one of the first houses in Madison township. The entire region was covered with a dense growth of timber, so that the early homes were largely log cabins in which was a big fire-place over which the cooking was done and which also served to heat the pioneer home. There were wild animals in the forests and wild game could be had in abundance. The early settlers had many difficulties and dangers to meet in thus reclaiming the frontier, but in course of time the seeds of civilization were thickly sown in this western wilderness and today it seems hardly possible to realize that less than a century ago this was an unsettled and unimproved tract.

David Whitehead, the father of our subject, was born at the old family home on the farm now occupied by his son William, and was here reared amid the wild scenes and environments of pioneer life. As the years passed he devoted his attention to general agricultural pursuits and his capable management and undaunted enterprise brought to him a measure of success that was most gratifying. As his financial resources increased, he added more and more largely to his place until his landed holdings were extensive and his capital was also considerable. He became one of the best known and most influential farmers of Madison township, promoting not only his own prosperity, but also contributing to the general welfare through his co-operation in many movements for the public good. Upon the old home farm he reared his family of thirteen children, namely: Daniel, Julian, Amanda, Susan, Jacob, Lucinda, Lydia, Ella, Anna, Jessie, Oliver,

William and Catharine. The last named and also Amanda and Susan have passed away.

The uneventful life of the farm pictured the youthful days of William D. Whitehead, who gave his attention to general agricultural pursuits when not occupied with the task of acquiring his education in the public schools. Through the summer months he labored diligently and became acquainted with the best methods of tilling the soil, of cultivating the crops and gathering the harvests in the late autumn. To his father, he gave the benefit of his services throughout the period of his minority. Since coming into possession of the farm, he has made all of the necessary improvements and now has an excellent place. In the midst of his fields stands a comfortable and commodious residence of nine rooms, which is one of the most modern and attractive homes of the township. The barn is also large, the loft giving ample shelter for the hay, while below there is much room for the stock. His farm comprises ninety acres of land that responds readily to the care and labor he bestows upon it, and his place is situated on the Salem pike about five miles northwest of Dayton.

On the 26th of January, 1890, Mr. Whitehead was united in marriage to Miss Amelia Lightner, a daughter of Daniel and Lucinda (Froutz) Lightner. Her father lived in this county for many years and was a leading and well known agriculturist here. His children were eight in number: William, Harvey, Ira, Edward, Olive, Perry, John and Amelia. Of these all are yet living with the exception of Ira, Edward and Olive. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead has been blessed with three children: Harry, who remains at home and assists in the operation of the farm; Bessie May, and Ira Lester, both of whom are attending school.

Mr. Whitehead is classed with the younger and representative farmers of the county, who carries on his work along modern methods and understands the scientific as well as the practical side of farming. He realizes the value that comes through the rotation of crops and through the judicious use of fertilizers, keeps the soil in good condition and gives careful attention to the time of planting and plowing. Year after year, he harvests good crops of the grains best adapted to the conditions here found, and that he has prospered in his work is indicated in the well kept and thrifty appearance of his place. While managing his personal business affairs, he is not unmindful of the interests of the community and for a period of three years did active work for the cause of education as a member of the school board. He is an active and prominent member of the church of the Brethren and believes in the adoption of all movements and measures that tend to promote material, intellectual and moral progress.

ALEXANDER HAMILTON ROMSPERT.

Alexander Hamilton Romspert, now deceased, was a worthy and respected citizen of Montgomery county, well known also as a representative agriculturist. He was the owner of three hundred and fifty acres of fine farm land on the Lebanon pike about three miles south of the courthouse in Dayton. He was born

April 16, 1853, and died January 9, 1892. His life record, therefore, covered less than forty years, but in that time accomplished much and the methods which he followed were ever straightforward and honorable. He was born on the old Coy farm in Greene county, Ohio, and there obtained his early education. He also engaged in teaching school in that county and when a young man removed to Montgomery county, where he continued his educational labors, conducting a school for a time in Van Buren township. He was later in the office of Munger & Munger and subsequently opened an office in the Conover building, where he remained for thirteen years. At length he retired on account of his health, putting aside business cares when still a young man. He then went to his farm in Preble county, Ohio, where he remained until his death but even his cessation from active business cares did not prove availing in restoring his health.

Mr. Romspert was married to Miss Laura Long, a daughter of Henry and Harriet (Shroyler) Long. Her father was one of the most prominent farmers in this section of the state and Mrs. Romspert became recognized as one of the leading ladies of this part of the county. By her marriage, she became the mother of three children. Maud, now living at home, completed a course of study in the district schools and is now very prominent in Dayton social circles. Harry H., who is the active head of the Romspert family at the present time, acquired his early education in the township schools and for three years attended the Beavertown high school. He also went to Professor Shoup's Preparatory school, from which he was graduated and he is now in his freshman year at college. He expects to finish the course and then take up his father's work.

The family belong to the Reformed church and are very active in all branches of its work. Mr. Romspert was also identified with the Knights of Pythias and the Garfield Club. He was a public-spirited man and was always looking to the interests of the community at large. Although a self-made man, he came to be recognized as one of the best representatives of the Montgomery county bar, his ability and enterprise bringing him into important professional relations. Wherever he was known he was honored for what he accomplished and his genuine worth won for him the respect of all with whom he was associated.

EZEKIEL S. CONOVER.

Ezekiel S. Conover is a representative farmer of Van Buren township, where he owns sixty-five acres of land on the Springboro road, about two and a half miles from the courthouse of Dayton in a southerly direction. He is the son of Crynons and Helen (Denise) Conover, who were identified with the life of Miamisburg. The family on the father's side were among those who knew this section of the state in its most primitive days, for William Conover, our subject's grandfather, came here from New Jersey in 1808. He was a blacksmith by trade and lived to witness the many important changes which the passing years brought about, and to which his own efforts, modest and unostentatious though they were, contributed their share. His father, who was also named William,

never left his Pennsylvania home. Crynons Conover was born and reared in this county, and when he entered the world of labor found that his abilities suited him for the work of a mechanic. In Miamisburg, he followed his trade for a considerable number of years and then turned his attention to farming, which he pursued during the closing period of his life.

Ezekiel S. Conover was born in Miamisburg and there received his early education, being twelve years of age when his family moved to the farm on which he has continued to live. After coming here, he attended the country schools, acquiring from them such training for life as they were able to give at that time. During the vacation periods his days were spent in work about the home place and on reaching manhood, he was fully competent to assume entire charge of the farm and to follow his chosen vocation with success. He soon realized that his soil was better suited for truck gardening than for general farming, and as a man who raises fine vegetables, he has been known in Montgomery county of late years. For a period of twenty-five years, he was identified with the farming interests of Darke county, where the people showed their appreciation of his sterling qualities as a man by electing him a member of the school board.

On the 30th of November, 1873, Mr. Conover was united in marriage to Miss Hannah Green, the daughter of Edward and Lydia (Eearer) Green, who were known as prominent farmers of Warren county. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Conover: Victor is engaged in the ice cream business in Dayton. Edward S., was born in Darke county, where he received the greater part of his education, and has always been fond of the farm and its life and work, being now the actual head of his father's place. On the 8th of August, 1900, he was married to Miss Amelia Hoelscher, a daughter of William and Caroline (Grote) Hoelscher, who came to Darke county from Germany. Three children have been born of this union: Logan, Harold and Catharine. Ellen, the youngest of Mr. and Mrs. Conover's family, has completed her school course and is at present living at home with her parents.

Mr. Conover is a member of the Greenville Lodge, No. 161, the Knights of Pythias, and is closely identified with its work and interests. He gives his allegiance in religious matters to the Christian church, and by his daily life, proves his right to membership in that body. On more than one occasion, he has given proof of a strong and fine character, and when the public has relied upon his good judgment, he has demonstrated that their confidence has not been misplaced.

JOHN COLLINS.

John Collins, official stenographer in Dayton, was born in Angelica, Allegany county, New York, on the 14th of September, 1849, and was one of the four children who were born unto Charles and Elizabeth Hyde (Cardell) Collins. The father was a native of Geneva, New York, born in 1813, and was graduated from the Geneva College. For many years, he engaged in the practice of law in Angelica, but at length retired from the profession and came to Dayton, where his remaining days were passed. His wife died in Northumberland, Pennsyl-

vania, in 1873. They were the parents of four children but one daughter died at the age of nine years. Three of the number reached years of maturity and still survive, namely: John, of this review; Helen, who is the widow of David Reimer; and Mrs. Florence Pringle. The Collins family was established in New England at an early date. The grandfather, John Collins, was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, in the eighteenth century, and died in Angelica, New York, where for many years he made his home. He was an attorney at law and served as county judge at Angelica. His wife bore the maiden name of Ann Gregory.

John Collins, whose name introduces this review, spent the first sixteen or seventeen years of his life at Wellsville, New York, and in the place of his nativity, during which period he attended the public schools and also Angelica Academy. On leaving that institution, he went to Northumberland, Pennsylvania, remaining there and at Sunbury, just across the river, until 1875, during a part of which period he was engaged in book binding. In that year, he came to Ohio, settling first at Delaware, where he continued in the same business for two years, after which he spent one year in Columbus, Ohio, as assistant to the official court stenographer. In May, 1879, he was appointed to his present position, which he has now occupied for thirty years. He is regarded as an expert stenographer, his ability being plainly evidenced in his long continuance in office. He is also a popular official in the courts, having the good will, friendship and high regard of attorneys and the court.

In 1877, Mr. Collins was married in Northumberland, Pennsylvania, to Miss Sarah J. Leighon, and they have three children, Helen, Bertha and Lucy. In his political views, Mr. Collins is a republican, and keeping well informed on the questions and issues of the day, is thus able to support his position by intelligent argument. He does not seek official preferment, however, outside of the one position which he has filled for three decades.

WILLIAM F. WAGNER.

William F. Wagner, commissioner of highways in district No. 2, Madison township, is also the owner of a good farm of fifty acres on the McNelly road, situated about two and a half miles northwest of Trotwood. His birth occurred on the old Wagner homestead near Trotwood on the 5th of March, 1865, his parents being Jesse and Mary (Olinger) Wagner. George Wagner, the paternal grandfather of William F. Wagner, was born in Maryland and came to this state subsequent to the arrival of his son Jesse. He took up some land in Montgomery county and here spent his remaining days, passing away at the age of seventy-two years, while his wife survived him for several years. In early manhood, Jesse Wagner made his way from Maryland to this county, settling on the farm which is now known as the old Wagner homestead. Here he successfully carried on agricultural pursuits and was well known and highly esteemed throughout the community. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the German Baptist church. In his family were nine children, namely: Delia;

William F., of this review; Emma; John; Jesse, deceased; Alice; Enos; and Eugene and George, who have also passed away.

William F. Wagner pursued his education in the common schools and throughout his active business career has been identified with agricultural interests. As before stated, he has a well improved farm of fifty acres in Madison township and in addition to its cultivation, he also carries on business as a bridge contractor, doing repair work on bridges. His well directed labors and excellent business ability have brought him a creditable measure of prosperity in his undertakings and he has long been numbered among the substantial, representative and enterprising citizens of his native county.

On the 14th of February, 1888, Mr. Wagner was united in marriage to Miss Rilla McNelly, a daughter of Daniel and Catharine McNelly. Unto them have been born three children: Warren J. and Ethel N., who are attending school; and Catharine.

Mr. Wagner gives unfaltering allegiance to the men and measures of the democracy and is now serving as superintendent of roads in district No. 2. He is a prominent member of the Modern Woodmen of America, No. 7393, at Trotwood, and also belongs to the United Brethren church. He has gained his present enviable position of prosperity through his own labors and the exercise of indomitable perseverance and energy, guided by sound business judgment and practical common sense. He has always resided in the vicinity of Trotwood and at all times his life has been active, useful and honorable, his genuine personal worth having gained for him the favorable position which he occupies in the regard of those who know him.

FRANKLIN W. ROUSH, M. D.

Dr. Franklin W. Roush, who is filling the position of surgeon at the National Military Home, with the rank of major, has practiced his profession since 1899, and since December of that year, has been connected in a professional capacity with the home. He was born in New Haven, Mason county, West Virginia, in 1877. His father, Dr. L. F. Roush, was also a native of West Virginia, and is now successfully practicing his profession in Pomeroy, Ohio. While living in his native state, he served as a member of the West Virginia legislature and was quite prominent in political circles.

Dr. Franklin W. Roush remained a resident of his native town for fifteen years and at the usual age entered the public schools, where he passed through consecutive grades until he was qualified for entrance into Carrollton College in Meigs county, Ohio. He continued his studies there for a time and in 1895, he went to the Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, Ohio, where he prepared for his profession, continuing his studies in Cincinnati until he was graduated with the class of May, 1899. He was succeeding in establishing himself in practice when in December, he was appointed to a position on the medical staff of the National Military Home. Here he has continued to the present time and on the 5th of November, 1905, was appointed to his present position. His ability well quali-

fies him for the work which devolves upon him in this connection. He has by constant reading and investigation along scientific lines kept abreast with the medical fraternity in its constant march of progress. He belongs to the Ohio State Medical Society, the Montgomery Medical Society and the Dayton Academy of Medicine. He is likewise identified with the Masonic order, in which he has taken the degrees of the Scottish Rite. He also belongs to the First Presbyterian church and is interested in its work and the extension of its influence.

Dr. Roush was married in 1906 at the National Military Home, Ohio, to Miss Edith E. Evans, a daughter of Thomas P. Evans, who was chief engineer of the National Military Home for twenty years. A gentleman of culture, genial and courteous, he has made many friends during his residence here and is greatly esteemed by the inmates of the home.

JOHN W. LIGHTCAP.

Enterprise, industry, thrift and economy are the characteristic elements in the life of John W. Lightcap, who is numbered among the substantial agriculturists of Miami township, where he owns and operates a farm of thirty-two acres. He was born on a farm in the same township on the 22d of July, 1846, and is a son of Solomon and Catharine (Smith) Lightcap. The father, who was born in the same neighborhood, was a farmer and also a mechanic by occupation and was well known in the community, where he wielded a wide influence. In connection with agricultural pursuits, he raised the first crop of tobacco in this section of the country. In his family were nine children: Catharine, Elizabeth, Fannie, Jacob, Fred, Henry, David, Tom and John, of whom Elizabeth, David, Tom and John still survive. The grandparents of our subject, John and Catharine (Stettler) Lightcap, came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, at an early day and were among the pioneer settlers of Montgomery county.

The early childhood of John W. Lightcap was spent upon his father's farm and he attended the common schools in the acquirement of his education. At the age of seven years, however, he became dependent upon his own resources and was engaged as a farm hand until sixteen years of age. Early in life, he became imbued with a spirit of patriotism and a desire to aid his country in her hour of need, and he enlisted as a soldier in the Civil war, becoming a member of Company E, Ninety-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Anderson, which was assigned to the Army of the Cumberland. He saw considerable active service and for two months was incarcerated in Libby prison. When he was released, he received an honorable discharge and returned to his home. He then again became employed by the month as a farmhand and so continued up to the time of his marriage. Being desirous that his labors should more directly benefit himself, he purchased a farm and bent his energies toward its further improvement and cultivation. His property consists of thirty-two acres in Miami township, located on the lower Germantown road about a mile and a half south of Miamisburg. He is a general farmer, raising the cereals best adapted to soil and climate, and he also raises stock for his own use, while he is considered one of the best tobacco

raisers in Montgomery county. Perseverance, industry and determination have been the salient elements in his business career, and through close application and good management of his affairs, he has met with a most substantial success in his agricultural pursuits.

It was on the 2d of September, 1866, that Mr. Lightcap was united in marriage to Miss Lauretta Sharrits, of Virginia, a daughter of Hezekiah and Elizabeth (Stettler) Sharrits. Her parents were farming people from the south, although the mother was a native of Montgomery county, Ohio. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lightcap has been blessed with the following children: William, who married Rebecca Fox and has one daughter, Eva; Howard, who wedded Anna Switzer, by whom he has ten children, Lula, Clyde, Arthur, Israel, Dewey, Carl, Raymond, Robert, Mildred and Lawrence, of which number Lula is now deceased; John Irwin who has now passed away; Elizabeth, the wife of William Emily; Carrie, who married Charles Leis and has four children, Lauretta, Alta, Tites and Eva; and Mayme, the wife of Guy Hart, by whom she has one child, Alvadore.

Mr. Lightcap and his family are members of the Reformed church, of which he was a trustee for ten years. He is a democrat in politics, although he neither seeks nor desires public office, and was at one time affiliated with the Grand Army of the Republic, although he does not now hold membership in any lodge in Montgomery county. Starting out in business life on his own account when still a mere lad, without any favoring circumstances to aid him at the outset, he diligently worked his way upward, overcoming all obstacles and difficulties in his path, and as the result, he today occupies a place among the substantial and representative farmers of Montgomery county, earning and richly deserving the proud American title of a self-made man.

ELI WAYMIRE.

For a long period Eli Waymire has been well known in Dayton as a dealer in fruit trees and has established a reputation for reliability as well as for knowledge concerning the best grades of nursery stock and the fruits best adapted to soil and climatic conditions in different sections of the country. Montgomery county numbers him among her native sons, his birth having occurred on a farm in Butler township, August 13, 1842. His father, Henry Waymire, was born in Butler township, Montgomery county, Ohio, July 16, 1816, and died in the same room in which he was born, eighty years later, his death occurring August 18, 1896. He was a son of Daniel Waymire, one of the early settlers of Montgomery county and here amid the scenes of frontier life Henry Waymire was reared, sharing in all the hardships and trials incident to the development of homes on the western frontier. Having arrived at years of maturity, he wedded Hannah C. Pearson, also a native of this county. The marriage was celebrated June 29, 1841, and has been blessed with two children, Eli and Oliver Pearson. The latter married Nellie Payne, and died June 19, 1901, at the age of fifty-seven years and eleven days. The death of Mrs. Henry Waymire occurred April 25, 1889.

Eli Waymire was reared on the home farm and remained there until he joined the army at the time of the Civil war. He first enlisted in the Ohio National Guard as a member of the Squirrel Hunters and thus served for about a month. Later he joined the One Hundred and Thirty-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry for one hundred days and was under fire at Petersburg, Virginia, and participated in other skirmishes. On returning from the army, he again located on a farm where he lived for two years and on the expiration of that period, he came to Dayton, where he soon afterward began dealing in fruit trees. He has since remained in this business and his long connection therewith is evidence of the success which he has achieved and of the reliability which has always characterized his business dealings. He has never been known to take advantage of the necessities of a fellowman in any business transaction, depending for his success upon enterprise, probity, perseverance and energy.

On the 1st of February, 1866, in Vandalia, Montgomery county, Ohio, Mr. Waymire was married to Miss Jennie Weaver, a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Sandham) Weaver. She died June 2, 1908, at the age of sixty-one years. Mr. Waymire is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and Gem City Council, No. 3, of the United Commercial Travelers. He is the only charter member in good standing of Grace Lodge, No. 504, I. O. O. F., of Union, Ohio. He has always been loyal to the teachings of these fraternities concerning mutual helpfulness and brotherly kindness, and is therefore regarded as one of their exemplary representatives. His political views are in accord with the principles of the republican party and in all matters of citizenship, he manifests a progressive spirit. His unfaltering labor and utilization of opportunities have constituted the foundation on which he has builded his success in business, in which connection he has gained much more than a local reputation.

RALPH E. DEWEESE.

Ralph E. DeWeese, conducting an extensive and successful stock brokerage business and also well known in commercial circles of Dayton as the treasurer of the Lucas Pump Company, was born in this city in 1875. His youthful days were passed largely in the acquirement of an education in the public schools and in a private school conducted by Professor Deavers. Later he entered Yale, pursuing a scientific course, and on leaving the university, he returned home in 1893 and joined his father, J. R. DeWeese, the senior partner of the firm of DeWeese & Bidleman, one of the best known and most extensive dry-goods firms of the city. For five years, he was associated with that enterprise, when he broadened the scope of his activities by entering the field of interurban railway construction in connection with the late Dr. Joseph E. Lowes. He was so engaged for five years, or until 1904, when he established business as a stock and bond broker. Thoroughly conversant with the money market, he is well qualified to make judicious and profitable investments for himself and for his clients and is becoming a recognized factor in financial circles of the city. In 1907 he was elected

treasurer of the Lucas Pump Company is now active in control of the moneyed interests of that firm.

In October, 1900, in Dayton, Mr. DeWeese was united in marriage to Miss Alberta E. Lowes, a daughter of the late Dr. Joseph E. Lowes, and they have two children, Lowes E. and James Robinson DeWeese. In his political views, Mr. DeWeese is a democrat, having supported the party since attaining his majority, but the honors and emoluments of office have no attraction for him. Nor does he belong to any secret order, but is a member of the Dayton City Club, the Dayton Country Club and the Bicycle Club—associations which indicate his appreciation for the social amenities of life. That his record has been at all times commendable, is indicated in the fact that many of his stanchest friends are numbered among those who have known him from his boyhood to the present time. He is popular in social circles and is rapidly attaining prominence along financial lines.

AENEAS C. ULLERY.

Aeneas C. Ullery, who follows both farming and carpentering in Madison township, is the owner of a valuable and well improved farm of sixty-five acres situated near the Stringtown and Air Hill pike, about four miles northwest of Trotwood. He was born April 18, 1858, on the old Ullery homestead about a mile east of Trotwood, his parents being Samuel and Elizabeth (Overholser) Ullery. The paternal grandparents were Samuel and Susan (Whitehead) Ullery and the grandfather was the first representative of the name to come to this state, journeying from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to this county. He entered the tract of land that is now known as the old home farm, cleared and improved it and energetically carried on his agricultural interests until the time of his demise, his remains being interred in Fort McKinley cemetery. Samuel Ullery, the father of our subject, was born on this farm and is still living thereon at the age of seventy-three years, though he has retired from the active work of the fields and the place is now being operated by a renter. He owns one hundred acres of as fine land as can be found in this section of the state and is widely recognized as one of the most substantial and respected citizens of his native county. Unto him and his wife were born two children, namely: A. C., of this review; and Raymond, who is a resident of Dayton, Ohio.

In his youthful days, A. C. Ullery attended school in pursuit of an education that would equip him for the practical and responsible duties of later life and when not busy with his studies, he gave his father the benefit of his assistance in the cultivation of the home farm. About ten years ago, he purchased his present place of sixty-five acres, which is a part of the old Beachler farm, and in addition to general farming, he has also followed carpentering to some extent, meeting with well merited success in his undertakings. He has erected all of the buildings on the property, including an attractive and modern two-story frame residence.

On the 16th of October, 1880, Mr. Ullery was united in marriage to Miss Ella Landis, a daughter of John G. and Leah (Foreman) Landis, the father being

an agriculturist by occupation. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Ullery, have been born four sons, as follows: Willis E., who wedded Miss Anna Driver, by whom he has a son, Ralph; Albert, who married Miss Emma Fryman and has one child, Raymond; Clyde G., at home; and Russell E. Mr. Ullery belongs to the conservative branch of the Dunkard church and throughout his entire life has been actuated by high principles and worthy motives. Movements and measures for the general good receive his endorsement and support and in the community where he has always lived, he has a circle of friends almost coextensive with the circle of his acquaintances.

WILLIAM MILLER.

William Miller, who is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned and well merited rest, but in former years was closely and successfully associated with commercial interests as a leaf-tobacco merchant of Dayton, was born in Emmettsburg, Maryland, in the year 1846. The first nine years of his life were there passed and in 1855, he accompanied his parents on their removal to Ohio, the family home being established in Fairfield. Later they went to Midway, Ohio, and in 1867, Mr. Miller came to Dayton, where for forty-two years he has now made his home. He had previously acquainted himself with cigarmaking and in this city began to work at his trade, which he followed in the employ of others for about five years. Throughout this period, however, he was stimulated by a hope and desire of one day engaging in business for himself and when his earnings and careful expenditure had brought him sufficient capital, he began dealing in leaf tobacco, remaining in active connection with the trade from 1872 until March, 1909. In the intervening thirty-seven years, he had built up an extensive business and had derived therefrom a handsome competence which now enables him to live retired without recourse to labor.

Mr. Miller is a respected and exemplary member of the Odd Fellows society, belonging to Wayne Lodge of Dayton. In politics he is a democrat, but has never taken any active part in the work of the organization. Through many years his energies were concentrated upon his business affairs and his close application was one of the salient features of his success.

JOHN S. ANDERSON.

John S. Anderson is well known in the social circles of Dayton as well as a capitalist, and deserves more than passing notice in the history of this, his native city. He was born on East Monument street on the 6th of May, 1876. His grandfather was Richard Clough Anderson, who was born in Pennsylvania but, removing westward, was engaged in business in Cincinnati, Ohio, up to the time of his death. His wife was a sister of the late Nicholas Longworth, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Richard Clough Anderson, Jr., the father of our subject, was born in Cincinnati and came to Dayton in 1874, his death here occurring in 1877. He was a manufacturer, well known in business circles. He married Agnes Norval Thompson, of Louisville, Kentucky, who has also passed away. They were the parents of four children: Katharine Longworth, Sarah, Richard C., and John Stettinius.

John S. Anderson spent his youthful days in his parent's home in the usual manner of lads of the period whom necessity does not thrust into the business life at an early age. He had the advantage of instruction in the public schools and afterward spent two years as a student in St. Paul's school in Garden City, Long Island. He afterward returned to Dayton and pursued a special course in the Steele high school. Subsequently he went to the Cash Register Company with which he was connected for about two years and afterward became associated with the Stoddard Manufacturing Company, an implement house, which he represented on the road for five years. In 1904, he went to Idaho where he engaged in ranching for three years and in 1907 he returned to Dayton, but is not actively engaged in any business at the present time.

Mr. Anderson is well known socially and is a popular member of the Dayton City Club. He also belongs to Christ Episcopal church and he gives his political support at the polls to the republican party, but is not an office seeker, nor does he desire political preferment. However, his influence is ever given on the side of progress and improvement and in all things relative to Dayton and her welfare, he manifests a public spirit.

CLARK Y. SMITH.

Clark Y. Smith, successfully carrying on agricultural pursuits in Madison township, is the owner of the old Kerns farm, comprising sixty-five acres of rich and productive land and situated on the north side of the Jalopa road, about two and a half miles south of Trotwood. He was born in Miami county, Ohio, on the 14th of April, 1863, a son of Solomon and Emily (Yount) Smith. When a young man the father made his way from Pennsylvania to Miami county, Ohio, where he became a very prominent and prosperous agriculturist. Their family numbered twelve children.

During his school days, Clark Y. Smith assisted his father in the work of the fields, thus early becoming familiar with the duties and labors that fall to the lot of the agriculturist. His early training and experience proved of value to him when he started out in business life on his own account and he has met with a well merited and highly gratifying measure of success in his farming operations, being now the owner of a fine tract of land of sixty-five acres in Madison township. The fields annually yield golden harvests in return for the care and labor which he bestows upon them and he is widely recognized as a most enterprising and progressive citizen.

On the 19th of November, 1883, Mr. Smith was united in marriage to Miss Ella Etter, a daughter of George and Mary (Hinebach) Etter. Her father, who

was a native of Pennsylvania, became one of the pioneer settlers of Miami county, Ohio. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been born nine children, namely: Emma, deceased; Minnie, the wife of Ira Juster, by whom she has a son, Floyd; Alma, who is the wife of Martin Burnside and has four children, Mary, Florence, Herbert and Alberta; Earl; Inez; Charles; Nellie; Ola; and Carl. The different members of the family belong to the conservative branch of the Dunkard church and are well known and highly esteemed throughout the community in which they reside.

HENRY H. HILGEFORT.

Henry H. Hilgefort has lived retired from active business in Dayton, since May, 1903. He has long been associated with commercial interests, but at the age of seventy-five years he put aside further business cares. A native of Germany, he was born August 1, 1828, and after spending the first nineteen years of his life in the home of his Teutonic ancestry, he came to America in 1848 and made his way direct to Dayton, traveling by canal boat from Baltimore, Maryland. His first business venture here was in teaming between Harshmanville and Dayton, hauling the grain to the distillery at the latter place. He drove a team for one year and afterwards remained with the distillery for another four years. He then established a "wet grocery" in Dayton, conducting the business from 1853 until 1856, when he turned his attention to the brewing business with August Becker and John Wagner, for a year and a half. He then began clerking in the wholesale grocery and liquor store of Fritch & Nipgen on Second street, where he remained until 1859, after which he spent one year in the employ of Theodore Barlow. In 1860, he entered into a partnership with John Hanitchs on Main street in the wholesale grocery and liquor business, in which he continued until 1866, when his partner died and the business was discontinued. Mr. Hilgefort then turned his attention to the malting business, in which he continued for about two years, when he entered a distillery and grain house in Brookville, Montgomery county, where he spent a year and a half. In 1869, he bought a distillery in Carrollton and conducted it for a year, when the whiskey tax was raised and he sold out in 1870 to Freun. The following year he became actively connected with the Teutonia Fire Insurance Company, which he had assisted in organizing in 1863 or 1864, and of which he was the vice president. His duty was to appoint agents in Ohio and Indiana and he was thus busily employed until 1873, when he bought out a wholesale grocery and liquor store on Third street, conducting it until 1880. In this venture, he prospered, but in 1881, he sold out to William Sanders and went to Germany, spending three months in visiting his native land. On his return, he again engaged in the wholesale liquor business at 27 Main street, under his own name, so continuing until 1890, when his son-in-law, J. H. Baker, was admitted to the firm and the business was incorporated as The Baker Company. Mr. Hilgefort remained in active connection therewith until May, 1903, when he retired.

Mr. Hilgefort was married in May, 1854, in Dayton, to Miss Mary E. Lemmermuhle, and unto them were born six children, but the oldest daughter, now

the widow of John H. Baker, is the only one now living. The wife and mother died in February, 1876, and in 1879, Mr. Hilgefort wedded Mary S. Lukaswitz, nee Gondert.

Mr. Hilgefort at one time filled the offices of supervisor and councilman from the eighth ward and since that time he has continuously refused to serve in public positions, although such have been offered him. He is connected with St. Joseph's Orphan Home and with the Pioneer Society, also with a number of Catholic societies. He has always been a democrat and he belongs to Holy Trinity Catholic church. In 1847 he became a member of the old volunteer fire department, of Dayton, serving until paid men were installed. In Spite of his age being now over eighty-one years, his intellectual strength remains unimpaired, his mind being as keen and bright as a man yet in his prime. He has always been recognized as a man of forceful character and untiring energy. He is now living quietly in a modest home, his possessions being sufficient to supply him with many luxuries if he so desired.

ELLSWORTH KLEPINGER.

The Klepinger family is an old and prominent one in Ohio and its representatives have constituted substantial and progressive citizens whose labors have been an important element in the work of public progress. To this family belongs Ellsworth Klepinger, who is now well known in the business circles of Dayton as a draftsman. He was the fourth in order of birth of nine children, whose parents were Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) Klepinger. Like many of the pioneers of the state, the Klepingers came first from Pennsylvania, the grandfather, George Klepinger, removing from the east that he might enjoy the better business opportunities offered in this new and growing western country. He therefore cast in his lot with the early settlers who were reclaiming this region for the purpose of civilization and, while he met with difficulties and hardships incident to pioneer life, he resolutely bore his part in the work of general improvement. Henry Klepinger, the father of our subject, was born in this county in 1832 and has long been numbered among the widely known and valued citizens of this part of the state. For many years, he successfully carried on general agricultural pursuits but is now living retired in the enjoyment of well earned rest, for his activity and careful management in former years brought to him a comfortable competence. He wedded Elizabeth Miller and they became the parents of nine children: David W.; George, deceased; Alfred L.; Ellsworth; Charles; Mary, also deceased; Llewellyn G., practicing medicine; Edwin; and Howard.

The experiences of Ellsworth Klepinger in his youthful days were not unlike those of most farm boys of the period. He was reared upon the old homestead and through the period of his youth not only mastered the lessons taught in the public schools of the neighborhood, but also learned in the school of experience the best methods of tilling the soil, while nature also taught him many lessons that have been forces in his later success and he is now well known in Dayton as a draftsman.

On the 1st of January, 1890, occurred the marriage of Ellsworth Klepinger and Miss Libby Denlinger, a daughter of Abraham and Sarah (Garber) Denlinger of Madison township. The young couple are well known in Dayton and enjoy the warm friendship of many with whom they have been brought in contact.

ELIAM E. BARNEY.

The name of Eliam E. Barney is one around which centers much of the history of Dayton, especially in the middle portion of the nineteenth century. He figured prominently in manufacturing, financial and educational circles and his ability and influence were most effective in promoting general progress along those lines. He came upon the scene of action in the opening years of a century which was marked by progress greater than shown in any other cycle of the world's history to that time. His natal day was October 14, 1807, and the place of his birth, Henderson, Jefferson county, New York. In both the paternal and maternal lines he represented old New England families, his parents being Benjamin and Nancy (Potter) Barney, the former a native of Guilford, Vermont, and the latter of Connecticut. The father became known as a prominent educator of his day and was one of the founders of the Union Academy at Belleville, New York, thus establishing an institution which has been a forceful element in educational progress throughout the succeeding years. When he was twenty-one years of age he went to Henderson, Jefferson county, New York, where he secured a claim which he soon developed into a comfortable farm. Beside his diligence and prudence he was a man of great independence of character, preferring to form his own estimates of everything. By private study in his new home he made up some of the deficiencies of his early education and was much respected for his intelligence and enterprise. He was a captain of militia in the War of 1812 and served in the defense of Sackett's Harbor. His wife was a daughter of one of the soldiers of the Revolutionary war.

Eliam E. Barney, the eldest of their eleven children, spent his early youth in the little log cabin which his father first built at Henderson and "from his earliest youth" said his younger brother "he was remarkable for three things—industry, order and thoughtfulness." When he reached his fourteenth year a change took place in his thoughts and purposes that gave character to all his subsequent life. His parents were devout people and their teachings and that of the local ministry awakened him to a sense of his obligations toward the Creator and throughout his entire life he remained a consistent Christian man and a most loyal advocate of the Baptist church. He was about seventeen years of age when his father was forced to assume financial obligations owing to signing notes for an uncle of E. E. Barney, who soon afterward was drowned. To pay off these notes it seemed necessary to sell the farm at Henderson, which he had improved, and remove to the farm of the deceased uncle at Adams. Eliam E. Barney at this time became an active assistant of his father and worked so hard on the farm that his health became greatly impaired.

In the acquirement of his education Eliam E. Barney first attended the common schools and began to qualify for a collegiate course by reciting twice a week to a physician of the locality in which he lived. When the family removed nearer Belleville, New York, he became a pupil in an academy, now known as Union Academy, which his father was largely instrumental in establishing. One who knew him as a fellow student at that time said: "He was considered a leader in all good enterprises among the students and was distinguished for the strict propriety of his general deportment." He made such rapid advance that when eighteen years of age he was qualified to teach and took charge of a school, the funds thus gained enabling him further to pursue his studies until he was fitted to enter the sophomore class of Union College at Schenectady, New York. He remained always a stalwart champion of education and when he prospered in later years he remembered the old academy at Belleville as one of the subscribers to an endowment, making his subscription a memorial to his father and mother who had been so active in its first establishment. He was graduated from Union College in 1831. Before his graduation he spent a short time as a teacher in a boarding school at Sand Lake, New York, which was near enough to Schenectady to enable him to carry on the studies in the senior year in Union College and recite with his class at intervals. He delighted in study and formed habits of thoroughness in thought and of accuracy in its expression which were of great value to him in after years. He was called from the school at Sand Lake to become principal of the Lowville Academy, of which he had charge for two years.

In the meantime he had become interested in accounts from Ohio and was convinced that he could do more for his brothers and sisters as well as for himself if the family would move westward. The family acted on his advice and removed to Auburn, Geauga county, Ohio, while Eliam E. Barney remained at Lowville until he had earned enough to meet the indebtedness which his father had incurred in sending him to college. The year 1833, however, witnessed his arrival in Ohio and for six months he engaged in teaching in Granville College, now Denison University. He was a most successful educator and as one of his pupils said in later years, his classes were always anxious to meet him in the recitation room for he took the utmost pains to make them understand the principles of what they were studying.

In seeking a permanent location he addressed letters to the postmasters of several Ohio towns, inquiring if there were any openings for a teacher and received response only from the Dayton postmaster. Accordingly in the spring of 1834 he arrived in this city, where he found that the employment of a principal for the Dayton Academy was under consideration by the trustees. There were two applicants but when each made a statement as to the methods in which the school should be conducted Mr. Barney was at once elected. He called to his assistance his brother Elijah and sister Sarah C., and the school that opened with only nine pupils had eighty-five at the end of the first term, while the beginning of the second term brought more than two hundred and thence forward the success of the school was assured. Later his other sisters, Mary G. and Harriet, became teachers in the Dayton Academy, while his younger brother, Benjamin, was enrolled as a pupil there. After his children came to this city the father sold his farm at Auburn and purchased one near Dayton, including a portion of the land

now known as Embury Park. There his wife died in 1845, while he survived for fourteen years, spending a part of the time with his youngest daughter in Iowa, although his last days were passed in Dayton. All through the old age of his parents Eliam E. Barney displayed the most beautiful filial affection and care, adding to their lives every comfort that was in his power.

For four years Mr. Barney remained principal of the Dayton Academy and from 1838 until 1840 conducted a private school along coeducational lines, but ill health forced his retirement from the field of education. He took the most lively interest in the establishment of the public schools of Dayton and was one of the most active factors in securing the levy of the tax to raise six thousand dollars that two school buildings, one in the eastern and one in the western part of the city, might be erected.

On his retirement from the educational field in 1840 Mr. Barney turned his attention to the lumber business, purchasing a sawmill which he operated for two years and a half. It was a remarkable feature of his history that one so eminently skillful and popular in literary pursuits could change to commercial employment with no diminution of either earnestness, ability or achievement. He installed new and improved machinery in the mill, took personal charge of the purchase of logs and the care and sale of lumber and was meeting with good success in his undertakings when in 1844, as the result of his strenuous application, he became ill and was obliged to go south to recuperate his health. He also spent some time in the east and was greatly benefited by the change.

It was in 1844 that several Dayton citizens subscribed money for the establishment of a school for the thorough education of their daughters and Mr. Barney was proffered the principalship of what became known as the Cooper Female Academy. He took the greatest interest in equipping the school and carried into the enterprise all the enthusiasm and thoroughness which had before characterized him as a teacher. He became known as one of the most accomplished educators in the west. The school opened in September, 1845, with one hundred and seventy-four pupils. As the five years for which he had agreed to remain as principal drew to a close his mind began again to turn toward business and he was offered a partnership by Ebenezer Thresher, who had been his successor as the owner of a sawmill formerly the property of Mr. Barney. When the partnership was formed they decided to build railroad cars as the chief product of their industry. This was the beginning of the extensive Barney Car Works, now one of the foremost industrial enterprises of Dayton and the state. Their first building was erected in 1850 and for a time they manufactured agricultural implements but soon afterward took up the building of railroad cars. Mr. Barney continued as principal of the Cooper Female Seminary for a year, after entering into partnership with Mr. Thresher, but in 1851 became an active instead of a silent partner in the manufacturing business. Both he and Mr. Thresher had invested five thousand dollars in the concern and from the beginning the enterprise proved a profitable one, their cars becoming known for the excellence of their material and workmanship. His withdrawal from the educational field closed a distinct chapter in his life history. It was one of great usefulness, for his ability as an educator and disciplinarian was continuously evidenced and he never failed to leave his impress for good upon the lives of those

who came under his instruction. He possessed the rare faculty of communicating knowledge clearly and concisely to his pupils and of compelling the ready apprehension of all he sought to teach. While he maintained discipline he also displayed ready sympathy with his pupils, encouraged them when good work was shown and at all times he commanded their fullest respect.

Bending his energies toward the development of his industrial interests, Mr. Barney soon had the car works upon a paying basis. It was at first of small proportions but developed gradually along substantial lines as they reached out for trade and proved themselves worthy of a liberal patronage. The business had greatly increased when in 1854 Mr. Thresher sold out to Caleb Parker, at which time the firm style of Barney, Parker & Company was assumed, and when Mr. Parker disposed of his interests to Mr. Preserved Smith the firm became Barney, Smith & Company and so continued until 1867, when a joint stock company was formed under the style of the Barney & Smith Manufacturing Company. At that date Mr. Barney was elected to the presidency and continued at the head of the business until his demise. It was greatly developed, becoming a concern of large importance in industrial circles in Dayton, its manufactured output finding a ready sale because of thoroughness and durability in workmanship and reliability in business transactions. Every kind of car from the common platform to the most luxurious drawing-room or sleeping car was turned out by skillful workmen and the rapidity with which large contracts were filled often occasioned surprise. Mr. Barney was seldom, if ever, at fault in matters of business judgment and sought his success along the well defined lines of trade and commerce, displaying at all times a progressive spirit and yet never venturing upon ground where the issue seemed doubtful. Said one of his biographers: "He was conscientious, laborious, and watchful in the extreme. He not only superintended subordinates but seemed to keep his eye with wonderful particularity on the innumerable details of the work. His presence and impress were everywhere. In the factory his was the living spirit among the wheels. He had the decision, the power, the control of an imperial commander. Each employe must come promptly up to the terms of his engagement and fulfill it; for the last hour of his day's work was the company's profit, the other hours were necessary to earn his wages. Any form of ill behavior was reprimanded no matter upon whom the censure might fall. No work must be turned out that was not the very best. Employes at first, like some other people, took his strongly marked visage, his strictness, his positive judgments and peremptory answers, for sternness. Sometimes his replies to those who ought his counsel would be brief, and he would seem to be absorbed in something else. He would even at times disregard those little courtesies which make men seem approachable. But if the matter was really one that required his help, the applicant would find in a day or two that Mr. Barney had thought it all over and had some plan to suggest or some relief to offer. He threw men upon their own resources to develop them, and then reached out his hand to keep them from falling. They who came to know his well found out that no one could have a kinder heart or be more ready to help those in trouble." As time passed Mr. Barney manifested intelligent activity in other lines, becoming president of the Dayton Hydraulic Company on its organization and so continued until his death. He was also the vice-president and a director of the Second National Bank of Dayton,

and was also a director of the Wisconsin Central Railroad. He learned to correctly value life's contacts and experiences. His early labors in educational lines had taught him to understand men and their motives and, contrary to the general opinion that the educator is not a success in lines demanding alert thought, quick decision and prompt action, he proved his capability in industrial circles as he had done in the schoolroom.

On the 10th of October, 1834, was celebrated the marriage of Mr. Barney to Miss Julia Smith, a daughter of Dudley Smith of Galway, Saratoga county, New York. They became parents of two daughters and three sons: Mrs. Agnes E. Platt, Eugene J., Mrs. Mary L. Platt, Albert C. and Edward E., the two last named now deceased. The parents were for many years prominent and influential members and liberal supporters of the First Baptist church in Dayton and Mr. Barney was interested in educational lines as well, acting for twenty years as a member of the board of trustees of Denison University to which institution he gave liberally and endowed two memorial professorships. He was never an aspirant for political office but was interested in everything that pertained to the welfare of his city or country. His thoughtful public spirit and disposition to propose improvements were not limited to matters which he himself might live to see fulfilled. One incident of this was seen in his efforts to introduce the cultivation of the catalpa tree for timber. He gathered testimony concerning the rapidity of its growth and its remarkable durability and wrote a series of articles to the Railroad Age and other papers advocating the cultivation of this tree. He also brought out a pamphlet, publishing facts which he had collected and the attention was awakened on this subject to such an extent that he received letters of inquiry from every state in the Union, from England, South Australia, New Zealand and Japan. He distributed seed to every quarter of the globe and the result was the planting of thousands of acres of catalpa trees with the benefit to future generations that is incalculable. He was always interested in tree culture and when he took charge of the Dayton Academy one of his first efforts was to enlist the larger boys in planting the yard with shade trees, while flower beds were assigned to the girls who were expected to plant and cultivate them.

The death of Mr. Barney occurred December 17, 1880. Perhaps no better estimate of the man can be given than in quoting from one who for a long period was his pastor and who knew him well. Rev. H. F. Colby said: "In his relation to others he was generally a man of few words. The numerous cares which he was called to bear in early youth as well as through all his life seemed to have given to him an air of serious thoughtfulness which could sometimes be broken only by bold playfulness on the part of those who were intimate with him. He would become so absorbed in one train of thought that he would seem unconscious of everything about him. At such times he would pass friends on the street without recognizing them, but again, among business friends and especially in genial society, his natural social spirit would assert itself and his words would then pour out in warm pictures of his imagination or in enthusiastic exhortations which were like the rivers that flow down from the melting snows in spring. Those who were with him at such times learned to love him as a great and noble friend." One of the strongest and most pronounced characteristics of his entire life was his Chrstian faith which prompted him to acts of kindness, charity and

benevolence. On coming to Dayton he cast in his lot with the little band of Baptist people, numerically very weak and without a pastor or place of worship. He was instrumental in arranging to hold prayer meetings in one of the unoccupied rooms of the Dayton Academy and continued an active worker of the church as it grew in strength and spirituality. He lived to see several other churches of the same denomination built and to all made generous contributions. For many years he was superintendent of the Sunday school; from 1842 was one of the deacons of the church; and for a long time the senior officer. Beginning to give money liberally out of his poverty when he was a young man, he continued to do so, in ever increasing sums, as he was prospered, even to the last. Not only were the Baptist churches in Dayton largely built up by his pecuniary help, but he gave also by hundreds and thousands to missionary work in the United States and in foreign lands. No persons presenting a real good cause ever found in him an uninterested listener and few such were obliged to leave him without generous subscriptions. He was the largest giver to Denison University where more than sixty thousand dollars were bestowed by him during his life time and through the terms of his will five thousand dollars were set aside as a permanent fund for the relief of poor students, while other great causes of benevolence were similarly remembered. No good work done in the name of charity or religion sought his aid in vain and he remained to the end of his life a broad-minded man of wide sympathy and kindly spirit in whom helpfulness was a marked characteristic.

EDWARD GEPHART.

Among the native sons of Montgomery county who are meeting success along agricultural lines is Edward Gephart, who was born on the 6th of May, 1860, on the old Gephart homestead, located near the farm upon which he now resides. He is a son of Samuel and Sarah (Weldey) Gephart, the former a son of Philip and Mary (Weldey) Gephart. The father was also born on the old homestead and followed the occupation of farming. He was very well known, being prominent and active in community affairs. In his family were three children: Edward, Cornelius and Mrs. Mary Clement Bechtel.

In the country schools Edward Gephart pursued his education and proved himself a very apt scolar. He did not cease to be a student when he laid aside his text-books but throughout his entire life has been a great reader. Throughout his boyhood days, when not engaged in the work of the schoolroom, he assisted his father in the labors of the farm and early became familiar with the tasks that fall to the lot of the country lad. He learned many valuable lessons in the broader school of experience, and that his early training in practical labor was thorough is evidenced in the well improved condition of his present farm. After attaining his majority and deciding to enter business life on his own account, he wisely chose as a life work the occupation to which he had been reared, and he has since been connected with agricultural pursuits in the county of his nativity. He now owns a fine farm of forty-two acres in Miami township, located between Bear creek and Union. Since the property came into his possession he has placed

many substantial improvements upon it, including all modern equipments and accessories for facilitating farm labor, and the place is lacking in nothing that goes to make up a model farm of the nineteenth century.

It was in November, 1879, that Mr. Gephart was united in marriage to Miss Mary Eppert, a daughter of John and Mary (Stetler) Eppert, and unto this union have been born five children, namely: Edith, deceased; Katie, now the wife of Robert Myers; Vernon, who married Mabel Templer, and has one daughter, Mary Helen; Adam, who assists his father on the home farm; and Forrest, also at home.

Mr. Gephart holds membership in the Lutheran church and is very prominent and active in church work. In politics he is a democrat and is at all times interested in the progress of the party. He was supervisor of the township for seven years and has also served as a member of the school board for two terms. Public-spirited to a great degree, he is interested in all matters that pertain to the public welfare and freely lends his aid to all measures which have for their object the material, social, political, intellectual and moral growth of the community. Having remained a student throughout his entire life, his extensive reading has kept him well informed on all of the important questions and issues of the day, and has served, in connection with his other interests, to make his a well rounded character. Having spent his entire life in Montgomery county, he has gained a large circle of friends who honor and respect him for his upright manhood and high ideals.

JOSIAH CATROW.

Prosperous and growing business interests are conducted by Josiah Catrow of Germantown, who is connected with general insurance and leaf tobacco interests. He was born in Madison township, Butler county, Ohio, on the old Catrow homestead, August 11, 1835, first opening his eyes to the light of day in a little log cabin. A part of the farm lay across the boundary line of Montgomery county, and the family was established there in pioneer times. His grandparents were Peter and Christiana (Lay) Catrow. The former came from Carl's Manor, Maryland, and was the first representative of the name in Montgomery county. He drove across the country to Franklin, Ohio, and thence made his way to this section of the state, at once taking up his abode upon the farm which has since been known as the Catrow homestead. His mother, the grandmother of our subject, rode all of the way from Maryland to Ohio on horseback in the year 1803. This was long prior to the era of railroad building and the thoroughfares, which were traversed, were at times little more than an Indian trail. The death of Peter Catrow occurred in 1852, when he was seventy-two years of age, his birth having occurred July 4, 1780. On coming to Montgomery county he took up land from the government and was the first to locate in that district, which has since been known as the Catrow settlement. He was the father of Zephaniah Catrow.

The parents of our subject were Zephaniah and Mary Ann (Morningstar) Catrow. The father was also born on the old Catrow homestead and in the same cabin where the birth of his son Josiah occurred. His natal day was December 7, 1806, and his wife was born in Warren county, Ohio, March 15, 1809. By occupation he was a farmer and remained upon the old home place in Madison township until 1837, when he removed to Sunbury, Ohio, where he became proprietor of a hotel, remaining there for two years. On the expiration of that period he began business as a cooper, owning and conducting a factory of his own. In 1850 he removed to Germantown, where he purchased the Germantown (now the Florentine) Hotel, of which he was proprietor for nine years. On the expiration of that period he retired to private life, having for a long period been closely associated with business affairs, which brought him success of a most creditable character and made him widely and favorably known. He died April 3, 1890, and his wife has also passed away. She was a daughter of John George Michael Morningstar, who was a farmer by occupation and came to America from Germany with his father, John Englebrecht Morningstar. The family settled first in Maryland. By the laws of Maryland at that time the estates were divided up as the children became of age and because of this John G. Michael Morningstar came to Ohio.

The only child of Zephaniah and Mary Ann (Morningstar) Catrow was "Uncle Joe," by which name he is familiarly and affectionately known. He acquired his early education in the schools of Sunbury, Ohio, and further continued his studies in Germantown. He also pursued a course of bookkeeping in Cincinnati, Ohio. His first commercial venture was in the hotel business and he also had the contract for carrying the mail to Carlisle, making two trips a day until 1862. In that year he turned his attention to the leaf tobacco business, in which he remained continuously until 1900. In 1866 he purchased an interest in a grocery store, but sold out within a year. During the period of the Civil war he engaged in buying horses, which were used by the United States government. In all of his business dealings he has displayed keen discernment and unfaltering energy, and his diligence and perseverance have brought him substantial success.

On the 28th of February, 1860, Mr. Catrow was united in marriage to Miss Catharine E. Schaeffer, who was born March 18, 1840, and was a daughter of George C. and Frances A. (McClure) Schaeffer. Mrs. Catrow died and their only child, a son, died in infancy March 23, 1878. After losing his first wife Mr. Catrow wedded Mrs. Hester E. Dumm, who was known as "Aunt Hetty" throughout all their part of the county. She was a lady of many excellent traits of heart and mind and her gentle manner and kindly deeds won her the love of all. She died August 2, 1899, and her death was the occasion of deep and wide-spread regret. For his third wife Mr. Catrow chose Louie L. Masky, nee Smythe, a daughter of Marcus Smythe. This marriage was celebrated July 29, 1902.

In his fraternal relations Mr. Catrow is a Mason and has attained the thirty-second degree of the Scottish Rite. In 1856 he was elected to membership, signing his petition on a stump in the woods. He has filled all of the chairs in the local lodge, is now a member of Germantown Lodge, No. 257, A. F. & A. M., and is still actively connected with the society. He also joined the Minerva Chapter, R. A. M., and on the 1st of January, 1869, became a member of Reed Com-

mandery. He was made a thirty-second degree Mason at the annual revision in 1875. He also belongs to the Knights of Pythias and at Germantown was its first chancellor commander and was lodge deputy and county deputy. In December, 1899, he was elected grand chancellor of the state of Ohio, which position indicates his high standing in the order. He closed the last session of the nineteenth century of the grand lodge at Sandusky, Ohio, and opened the first of the twentieth century in Springfield, Ohio. In December, 1901, he was elected supreme representative at large from Ohio to the national convention which was held in San Francisco in 1902. He also attended the supreme lodge at Louisville, Kentucky, in August, 1904, and afterward declined nomination for further office in the organization. His life has been an active one and the years have witnessed successful accomplishments of work he has undertaken. In business he has met with a creditable measure of success, while in fraternal circles he has gained notable distinction through his fidelity to the principles of the orders and his exemplification of the beneficent spirit which underlies them.

CHARLES A. CRAIGHEAD.

The name of Craighead has figured in connection with the history of the bar of Dayton for more than six decades, and he whose name introduces this review is now numbered among the prominent lawyers of this city, having a large and distinctly representative clientage, and serving as president of the Montgomery County Bar Association. He has spent his entire life in this city, his birth here occurring on the 12th of August, 1857. His parents were Samuel and Jeannette (Miller) Craighead, of whom extended mention is given on another page of this work. In the public schools of Dayton he acquired his preliminary education and later entered the Lafayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1879. Deciding to enter the legal profession he studied law in the office of his father, who was then a member of the well known firm of Conover & Craighead, and was admitted to the bar in 1881. He then formed a partnership with his father and his cousin, William Craighead, under the name of Craighead & Craighead, and after the death of the father he continued with his cousin under the same firm style. The latter has since died and he is alone in the practice of his profession under his own name. He is successfully engaged in general practice of law and also makes a specialty of corporation law. He stands high in the estimation of his professional brethren and is regarded as one of the prominent and successful lawyers in this part of the state.

On the 30th of November, 1892, Mr. Craighead was united in marriage to Miss Kathleen McCook, a daughter of Alexander McD. McCook, who was a major general in the regular army. Two children blessed this union, namely: Alexander McCook, who was born in 1893 and is now attending the Hill School at Pottstown, Pennsylvania; and Amalie.

The family are active and prominent members of the Presbyterian church and are very prominent socially. Mr. Craighead is an honored member of the Dayton Club: the Buzfuz Club, also of Dayton; the Queen City Club of Cincinnati; and

of Ohio Society of New York. The republican party has always found in him a stanch supporter of its principles and he has taken a very active and influential part in public affairs, serving on Governor Nash's staff for some time. It is as a lawyer, however, that he is best known and he stands deservedly high in the ranks of his profession.

SAMUEL F. CRAIGHEAD.

Samuel F. Craighead, long a representative and honored member of the legal profession of Dayton, was born on the 16th of June, 1817, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and spent his last days in Detroit, Michigan, where he passed away September 6, 1894, his remains being laid to rest in Dayton. Born in the Cumberland valley of Pennsylvania and reared among the Allegheny mountains, he came from as fine a race of men as the country has produced. His educational advantages were those offered by the public schools and in early manhood he went to New York city, where for several years he was employed by a relative who was the owner of a large publishing house there. He thus received thorough business training, and the knowledge gained therein proved one of the elements of his success in later life.

Desiring, however, to follow a professional career, he took up the study of law, was admitted to the bar and, arriving in Dayton in the spring of 1844, at once entered upon practice in this city. While advancement in the law is proverbially slow, Mr. Craighead nevertheless soon established himself as one of the foremost lawyers of the city, strong in argument, wise in counsel and with ability to solve the intricate problems of the law. His reputation was such that in 1848 he was elected prosecuting attorney of Montgomery county and served for two terms, fully maintaining through the able discharge of the duties of the office the high character that had been conferred upon it by his predecessors. From that time until about two years prior to his death, which occurred in 1894, he maintained his position in the foremost rank of lawyers at the Ohio bar. His efforts were wide, varied and successful. He was gifted as an orator and strong in argument. Not only was he well versed in the principles of law and in precedent, but he possessed also a comprehensive knowledge of general literature from which to draw and anecdotes and illustrations frequently accentuated the point which he desired to make. During a period of forty years he was engaged upon one side or the other of almost every criminal case of importance in the courts of the county, and his practice also extended to other parts of the state. He entered into a partnership with Wilbur Conover in 1854 and for nearly twenty-five years the firm of Craighead & Conover was recognized as one of the eminent and most successful legal firms of Ohio, the connection being maintained until Mr. Craighead's failing health forced him to withdraw.

Had Mr. Craighead determined, instead of pursuing the practice of law, to have entered the political arena, there is little doubt that he would have attained through his sterling qualities as well as his social characteristics high rank among those who are regarded as the foremost public men of the United States. Although

he took little active part in politics he was always a pronounced republican and was for years considered one of the ablest and safest counselors of the bar of Ohio.

The marriage of Mr. Craighead was celebrated in February, 1853, the lady of his choice being Mrs. Jeannette A. Schenck, the widow of Lieutenant Woodhull S. Schenck, of the United States navy, and a daughter of Judge William Miller of Cincinnati. Unto this marriage there were born three sons, Robert G., Emanual J. and Charles A.

While Mr. Craighead was known to the public as an eminent lawyer, to his associates as a faithful friend and to Dayton as a public spirited citizen, his best traits of character were reserved for his own fireside where he was seen as a genial, courteous host and a devoted husband and father. His life was at all times actuated by high and honorable principles. Calm, dignified, self-controlled, he gave to his clients the service of great talent, unwearied industry and rare learning, but he never forgot that there were certain things due to the court, his own self-respect and above all to justice and the righteous administration of the law which neither the zeal of an advocate nor the pleasure of success would permit him to disregard. The feeling entertained for him by his brethren of the legal fraternity can be perhaps best indicated in the memorial adopted by the bar association following his death:

"For nearly a quarter of a century he was the acknowledged leader of this bar. In these halls others contended with him as to the soundness of legal propositions or as to the effect of evidence, but no one hoped to triumph over him by personal superiority. The elements of his great professional success were, in part, the generous gifts of nature. His presence was attractive, his capacity for work was great, his mind was active and versatile, his judgment as to what should be offered or omitted in the trial of a cause was instinctive and accurate, and his power of dramatic presentation could hardly have been acquired. But these native qualities were strengthened and supplemented by a close and extensive study of the law, by a careful preparation of all the causes in which he appeared, and by the zeal and fidelity which are prompted by an accurate appreciation of the high duty which a lawyer owes to his client. A clear conviction that the law is a profession and not a trade lay at the foundation of his success and was the corner stone of his professional character. It raised him to those intellectual and moral heights where controversies are courageous and honorable, where victories ennoble and defeats are not followed by shame.

"Most of us, upon our admission to the bar, found him in full practice, engaged in nearly all the important causes that were tried here, winning favorable judgment in most of them and in all adding to his reputation as a powerful and honorable advocate. Rejecting the overtures of those who desired to place him in public positions for which his talent so admirably fitted him, he was nevertheless a public man by virtue of his ability. In our professional circle he was the Great Commoner. We have all respected his character and emulated his success. Those of us have been most fortunate who have most clearly observed that honor and virtue made that success possible. In the trial of causes he was fearless and aggressive. He must have been conscious of his great powers as an advocate, though he was without arrogance. Loyalty and fidelity were prominent in his character. These qualities bound him firmly and closely to profession, to clients,

to family, to friends, to truth, to country. He received patriotism by inheritance, and throughout his long and useful life he nurtured it by the faithful performance of those duties which every citizen owes to the state.

"In his later years his life showed a strong and beautiful blending of vernal and autumnal colors. To his own business and to that of his clients he brought the ripe fruit of long experience and much observation. But at home and office his friends were sure of a cheery welcome and at the meetings of lawyers his favorite place was among the younger members of the bar, whom he encouraged by kind words and delighted with the sallies of wit which so often enlivened the court room and the social circle. It seems as though it were but yesterday that he passed among us with the erect figure, the elastic step, the natural vision and the cheery voice of youth. But age brought even to him its inevitable infirmities and compelled his gradual abandonment of active professional duties. Yet he never ceased to teach us by his exemplary conduct. When the twilight deepened his life became a perpetual benediction upon all whom he met and all whom he had ever known. The memory of his talents, his virtues and his kindness will remain to us a valued heritage. But we cannot cherish the hope that we shall ever meet a manlier man."

BERTON I. RIKE.

Among the important growing and successful enterprises which have won fame for Dayton as an industrial center is that conducted by The Keogh & Rike Paper Company, of which Berton I. Rike is the vice-president and treasurer. A native of Bentonville, Indiana, he was born May 2, 1871, and represents an old southern family, his grandfather having been Christian Rike, who was born in Maryland in 1796 and came to Montgomery county, Ohio, in the early part of the nineteenth century. He was a carpenter by trade but located on a farm in this county and devoted many years to general agricultural pursuits, his death occurring in 1879.

His son Jesse Rike was born in Beavertown, Montgomery county, Ohio, in 1843 and was there reared. He, too, devoted his life to farming. He lived in Indiana for about twelve years, from 1866 until 1878, after which he returned to Dayton and there took up contracting and building, which line of activity claimed his attention until his retirement. At the time of the Civil war he responded to the call for troops to serve one hundred days. He was married to Miss Anna L. Bimm, and to them were born nine children, seven sons and two daughters, all of whom are yet living.

Berton I. Rike, the second in order of birth, was brought to Dayton on his father's return to Montgomery county, and was here here reared and educated, receiving his early mental training in the public schools, while later he attended the Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio. On leaving that institution in 1892 he again came to Dayton and pursued a commercial course, equipping him for business life. He then accepted a position with the Mead Paper Company, with which he continued until 1901, during which time he became familiar with the

trade in principle and detail. He then joined J. P. Keogh in organizing the firm of Keogh & Rike, which two years later was incorporated under the name of The Keogh & Rike Paper Company, with Mr. Rike as vice-president and treasurer. In 1908 the Rike Folding Box Company was incorporated, with Mr. Rike as president and general manager. This company has grown enormously within the short time of its incorporation and promises to be one of the largest institutions of its kind in the city.

In 1896, in Dayton, occurred the marriage of Berton I. Rike and Miss Louise Jenne, who died in 1906. Mr. Rike has since married Jane A. Evans. By his former marriage he had two children, Oneita J. and Katharine L. Fraternally he is connected with the Royal Arcanum, while his religious faith is manifest in his membership in the First Reformed church. In politics he is a republican and is interested in local affairs, particularly all matters relating to municipal progress. His co-operation can always be counted upon to further movements for the city's good and through his business enterprise he has been a factor in advancing commercial activity.

SAMUEL BEST DOVER.

Samuel Best Dover, a real-estate dealer and operative builder of Dayton, was born July 17, 1860, in the city which is still his home. He is a descendant of Benjamin Van Cleve, one of the original settlers of Dayton and Montgomery county. The ancestry is traced back to John Van Cleve, who married Catherine Benham and was killed by the Indians in Cincinnati in 1791. Their son, Benjamin Van Cleve, was born February 24, 1773, and wedded Mary Whitten. Their family included a daughter, Henrietta Maria, who became the wife of Samuel B. Dover, whose son, Thomas Dover, was the father of our subject.

Samuel B. Dover was reared and educated in Dayton, being graduated from the Central high school with the class of 1879, after which he spent one term in the Ohio State university at Columbus. Since that time he has largely given his attention to investment and building operations.

In 1899, in Dayton, Mr. Dover was married to Miss Clara M. Rice, a daughter of Henry Rice, and they have one son, Thomas Kenneth Dover, born in 1901. Mr. Dover belongs to no order, club or church, but is a man of independent view and action, finding in his business incentive for enterprising effort, while his hours of leisure are devoted to such recreation and interests as are in harmony with his tastes.

JOSEPH E. BIMM.

Joseph E. Bimm, president of the Bimm Realty Company of Dayton and a representative of various other corporate interests which are factors in the business activity and consequent upbuilding of the city, was born September 21, 1855. He supplemented his public school education by a course in Lafayette College at Easton, Pennsylvania, and was graduated in 1877 as a civil engineer. After his

graduation he joined his father, Ezra Bimm, a well known and valued merchant of this city, in the grocery and ice business and in the incorporation of The Bimm Dayton Ice & Cold Water Supply Company. He was made vice-president and secretary of the company and following the death of his father in 1904 was made president of the concern. To other lines he has also extended his energies with the result that he occupies a position in the affairs of several other corporations. He is now the secretary of The Pasteur-Chamberland Filter Company, is also treasurer of the Music Hall Company, vice-president of The Reynolds Aertite Carton Company, and a director of the City National Bank.

In April, 1883, in Dayton, Mr. Bimm was married to Miss Mary B. Darst, a daughter of N. B. Darst, and they have one daughter, Kathryn D. Mr. Bimm is a member of the Dayton City Club and the Dayton Country Club and also of the Masonic fraternity, in which he is both a Knight Templar and a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason. His political belief is indicated in the fact that he holds membership in the Garfield Club. As a youth he united with the Lutheran church and is interested in any movements which tend to promote the material, social, intellectual, political and moral progress of his native city.

HENRY HERMAN BIMM.

The name of Bimm is an honored one on commercial paper and in commercial circles of Dayton, for it has long been a synonym for enterprise and reliability in the business life of the city. The subject of this review is a native son of Dayton, his birth occurring February 26, 1858. At the usual age he was sent to the public schools, where he continued his studies for some time, and later attended a preparatory private school for two years. He then matriculated in Lafayette College, in Easton, Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated with the class of 1879, and thus well qualified by liberal education for the practical and responsible duties of life, he returned to Dayton and became associated with his father, Ezra Bimm, in the grocery and ice business, and with his brother Joseph E. succeeded to the business on the father's death in 1904. He is the president of the Pasteur Filter Company and of the Music Hall Company, vice-president of the Bimm Dayton Ice & Cold Water Supply Company and secretary of the Bimm Realty Company, the brothers being associated in these various enterprises.

In his political views Mr. Bimm is a republican. He belongs to the Knight Templar commandery, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Mystic Shrine and is in hearty sympathy with the beneficent spirit that underlies the craft. His social relations extend to the Dayton City and Country Clubs and he is a member of the First Presbyterian church.

Mr. Bimm was married in 1891, in Dayton, to Miss Belle Ralston, a daughter of John Ralston, and they have one son, Ezra Burnett Bimm, who was born in 1902.

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